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FLAG

TO many people in many places Hongkong means many different things. The tourist knows about its shops and its scenic beauty, the manufacturer in Lancashire about its thriving and progressive textile industry. Welfare groups overseas are well aware of the refugee problem. To others it is a city of stark economic contrasts, and yet others think of it as a city in which all kinds of evil prevail. Drugs, prostitutes, sweated labour, commercial adventurism of the worst kind have to be a surprisingly large number become synonymous with Hongkong.

Our shortcomings are well enough known and none will dispute them but they are only one side of life and certainly not peculiar to Hongkong. There is also much to be proud of, and for a city which depends to such a great extent on goodwill overseas it is important to set the record straight, to show what Hongkong is really like, what is happening here, what our problems are and how people are tackling them. A permanently roving ambassador is what we need; not necessarily a person but a way of getting our message over. A short documentary film has been suggested, not devoted to any particular question but one that deals generally with Hongkong.

THIS film has now been made for the Hongkong Government. It got off to an excellent start by winning a major award at the Asian film festival and it was shown to the local Press yesterday. Its title aptly describes its purpose. It is "This is Hongkong". It is a good film by any standards—Asian or Western. Here are scenes we are all familiar with—and many more we have missed—collected, compiled and arranged in a way that schoolchildren in far-away Europe, the tourist in America, the businessman anywhere, as well as the thousands overseas who have contributed to our refugees relief will find thoroughly absorbing.

It is a film designed to tell as much as possible in 27½ minutes will allow. It is not one that seeks to glorify what Government is doing, though any film which omitted this would be neither fair nor complete. The accent is on the people, how they live and work and what their labours have achieved. The camera work is excellent, the colour brilliant and the direction and planning carefully balanced so that the viewer does not have the feeling that visual facts are being crammed into him. The commentary is practical and out to a bare minimum. That is the strong point of the film. What you see carries the conviction, not what you hear.

IT is the picture that every person who has ever lived in or visited Hongkong would like to carry away with him. It is the best short answer to the question: "What is Hongkong like?" It is a film we should show at the Sydney Trade Fair in August, and every other one we take part in. It is a film designed for world-wide distribution in cinemas, on television screens and at schools, and one that all with an intelligent and sincere concern about what happens in Hongkong should see.

It cost little more than \$10,000 to make and for a prestige film it fulfils the highest expectations of those who have been calling for a publicity film of this kind. As such its value is incalculable. It is not going to melt hard hearts in Lancashire or America who are set on restricting our trade, but better than any voluminous report it combines fact with colour and spectacle in a way that will evoke widespread sympathy and amazement at what our people are doing. The Governor, Sir Robert Black said in his Review of the Year that the Hongkong story deserves fuller recognition abroad. Here is the film that will do it.

Immigration authorities warn airlines JOHANSSON CAN'T LEAVE U.S.

Tax claims against boxer

Miami, Mar. 14. Airlines operating out of Idlewild (New York) have been asked to inform the immigration authorities if boxer Ingemar Johansson, of Sweden, tries to book a passage.

An immigration spokesman, disclosing this today said he "presumed" it is linked with tax claims against Johansson, who lost the world heavyweight title fight in Miami last night.

Federal agents served a writ on him in his dressing room after he had been knocked out, ordering him to appear at the local federal building tomorrow in connection with about one million dollars (\$1,000,000) tax which he is alleged to owe, a federal spokesman disclosed today.

Johansson, accused by the Government of failing to pay US\$508,181 on 1959 income, was told that he is being sued for another US\$411,620 bringing the total bill to \$1,009,801—on his 1961 income.

An Internal Revenue Service official explained that Johansson's 1961 tax year—on which a payment normally would not be due until April of next year—was being closed as of midnight yesterday and that the tax was due immediately.

The US\$411,620 included tax on his earnings from last night's fight plus whatever else he has earned this year.

An immigration spokesman in New York said later that a letter had been sent to airlines carrying foreign services at Idlewild asking them to inform the immigration authorities if Johansson tried to book a passage.

He declined to say why the letter had been sent but he "presumed" it was in connection with Johansson's tax cases.

Johansson told a press conference tonight that he understood he could not leave the United States at the moment because of the U.S. Government's tax suit against him, but he believed it would be cleared up "pretty soon."

Asked if he was angry at the United States because of the suit he replied: "No, I am not. I think everything will be fixed up."—Reuter.



Ingemar Johansson

Big strike ends in France

Paris, Mar. 15. Nearly a million French Government employees went back to work early this morning after a 24-hour strike to protest against President de Gaulle's wage freeze austerity programme.

All three main trade unions—Communist, Socialist and Catholic—expressed satisfaction with the day's turn-out. No violence was reported and private business and transport were little affected.

State railway workers and gas and electricity men are planning strikes later this week as the protest for wage increases gains momentum throughout France.—AP.

Met daughter for first time

Taipei, Mar. 14. A report from Quemoy said a school teacher approached a 17-year-old girl at a dinner party in the island city one day last month and said:

"You look so much like my wife. Could you be my daughter whom I never met because I failed to move the family out of the Chinese mainland before the Red takeover?"

Miss Li Chen-chen, who returned to live on the island recently from the Philippines, replied in surprise: "It could not be because my father is at home in this city."

Miss Li returned home and found out from her father that she is an adopted daughter and her real father is Wu Tseng-yun, the teacher she talked to at the dinner party.—UPI.

Value of sterling will be maintained

London, Mar. 14. Mr Selwyn Lloyd, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, told the House of Commons today: "We are determined to maintain the exchange value of sterling and will make use of our gold and dollar reserves and, if need be, our drawing rights on the International Monetary Fund to that end."

Mr Cyril Osborne (Conservative) had asked whether the Government had received any communication from the German Government before the D-mark was revalued in view of its effect on sterling.

He also asked Mr Lloyd what similar communications he had received from other European countries whose currencies were to be revalued and whether adequate resources were available to protect sterling against speculation.

Mr Lloyd said the Government had received no such communication from the German or other government.—Reuter.

Superintendent George Smith, who gave evidence, said 55-year-old Henry Houghton, British civil servant who worked at a secret naval centre, tried to turn Queen's

MORGAN PHILLIPS BACK AT POST

London, Mar. 14. Mr Morgan Phillips, 58-year-old General Secretary of the Labour Party, was yesterday back at his desk at the Party's London headquarters after more than six months' absence following a stroke.

A Party spokesman said Mr Phillips would be working only part time for a while.

He was still being treated for his speech and his right arm both of which suffered from the stroke.

Mr Phillips, one of the most influential members of the Labour movement, suffered the stroke last August just after attending a news conference programme for broadcasting with a panel of journalists.—China Mail Special.

CANADIAN TO COMMAND RHINE ARMY

Ottawa, Mar. 14. The Queen has approved the appointment of Major-General Jean Victor Allard, a Canadian as Commander of the Fourth Division British Army of the Rhine in Germany. Army Headquarters here announced.

This is the first time a Canadian has taken over command of a British Division, although exchanges of officers between British and Canadian forces have taken place during and since the Second World War.

General Allard, aged 47, now Vice-Chief of the General Staff takes over his new command in November.

He had a distinguished career as a Field Commander in the World War II. He was Military Attaché in Moscow from 1945 to 1949 and in 1953 commanded the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade in Korea.—China Mail Special.

Superintendent Smith told the court: "I could not agree to that." Superintendent Smith told the court.

Before the Old Bailey Central Criminal Court were three men and two women who have pleaded not guilty to a charge of conspiring together and with other persons unknown between April 1960 and January 1961 to commit breaches of the British Official Secrets Act.

The section quoted deals with spying, obtaining information which might be useful to a foreign power and communicating such information.

The prosecution said yesterday that there was every indication that Gordon Lonsdale, a London company director alleged to have masterminded the spy ring, was a Russian.

The other accused are Peter Kroger, 50, a bookseller, and his 47-year-old wife Helen, whose London suburban home was alleged to have been turned into a secret radio station and the "hub of a spy ring" and Houghton's 46-year-old fiancée Ethel Gee, also a civil servant, who worked at the Admiralty Underwater Weapons Centre at Portland on the south coast.

Proper authority
In reply to Sir Reginald Munnings-Buller, the Attorney General, he said: "I wanted to give me information that I could place before the proper authority whereby instead of standing trial he could give evidence against the other four prisoners."

He said he told Houghton he could not agree to his turning Queen's evidence.

The trial continues tomorrow.—Reuter.

United Nations, Mar. 14. Attempts to curtail the UN General Assembly's 38-item agenda and eliminate some "cold war" items have failed and the resumed session may now get down to work within the next 48 hours, Western sources said today.

Observers predicted that the Assembly was in for a prolonged and possibly bitter session as the agenda contains controversial issues such as Tibet, Hungary and Cuban and Soviet charges of "aggression" by the United States.

Attempts to defer debate on a number of agenda items followed a suggestion by the U.S. that only a handful of issues be discussed at the resumed session.

A U.S. spokesman said last week the proposal was being made in an effort to improve the international climate and to pave the way for fruitful disarmament talks.—Reuter.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH PREMIERS

ATTEMPT TO BREAK DEADLOCK

London, Mar. 15. Eleven leaders meet here in extraordinary session early today to try to break the continued deadlock over the crucial issue of a South African Republic staying on in the Commonwealth.

The two-day old crisis—biggest in the history of Commonwealth—Prime Ministers conferences—heightened last night when the statesmen failed after several attempts to find a formula which would:

1. Allow South Africa to continue in the Commonwealth after it becomes a republic on May 31.
2. Put on record the abhorrence of the other Commonwealth countries of South Africa's apartheid (racial segregation policies).
3. Make it clear that in accepting South Africa's retention the other sister countries do not in any way condone her racial discrimination.

Adamant
Conference sources said that though several drafts of the formula were produced the delegates yesterday could not agree on the wording of a declaration embodying it.

The sources said that Dr Verwoerd, South Africa's Prime Minister, is adamant that his country will not submit to any interference in her internal affairs.

Any communique announcing her retention in the Commonwealth should be so phrased that it does not contain anything that can be so construed he argues.

Dr Verwoerd also holds that his country's membership of the Commonwealth should continue to remain unconditional the sources said.

The conference has during the past two days devoted 12 working hours in four top secret sessions to the South African issue—a record for any single topic.—Reuter.

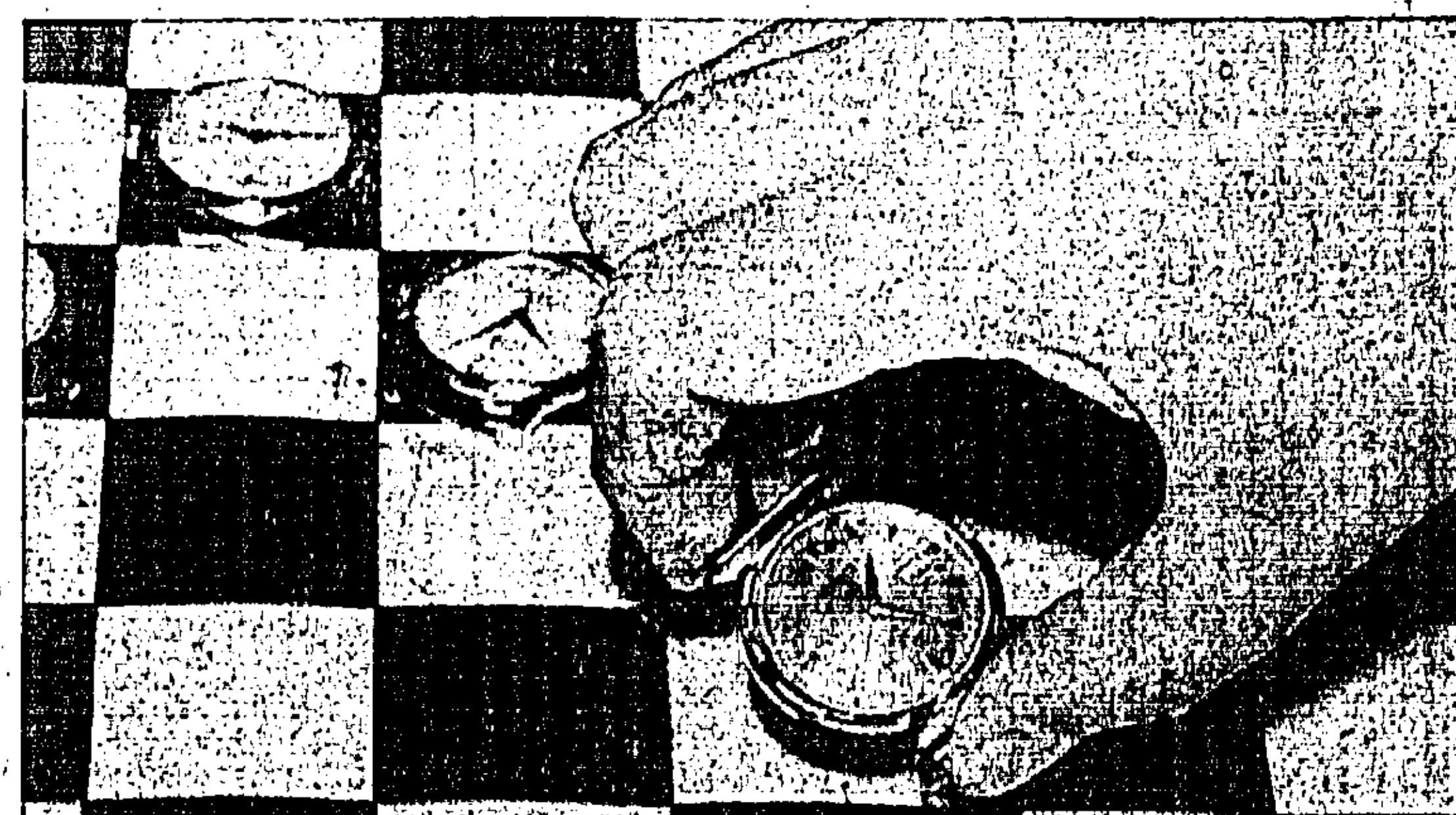
Police reported that 52 persons were injured—four seriously—when an underground gas main exploded in a Tokyo street during the rush hour this morning.

Police said the cause of the explosion was being investigated, but first reports said a lighted match may have been dropped in a section of the road under repair and onto an exposed and leaking gas main.

The explosion occurred as nearby residents telephoned the Tokyo Gas Company to complain of the smell of gas in the neighbourhood.—AP.

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General decline in New York stocks

New York, Mar. 14. Declines spread through the stock list today, leaving the market easier on a somewhat reduced turnover. Aircraft shares were a feature, with Lockheed ahead more than 5 after the company was awarded a \$1,000 million, 10-year aircraft contract. Douglas, a competitor, lost about 2 1/2.

Jet engine makers like United Aircraft, up 2 and Curtiss Wright ground a point, responded in the hope of drawing subcontracts from the Lockheed bonanza. Losses of about 2 1/2 in American telephone and more than a point in GE and Westinghouse were a drag on the industrial average. Chemically showed mostly fractional declines along with motors and steels. American Motors was an exception, climbing a large fraction in brisk dealings.

Reynolds climbed 3, Philp Morris 2 1/2 and American roughly 3/4 in a strong tobacco section.

Paramount gained more than 3 and Warner Brothers and 20th Century-Fox upwards of a point in entertainment shares.

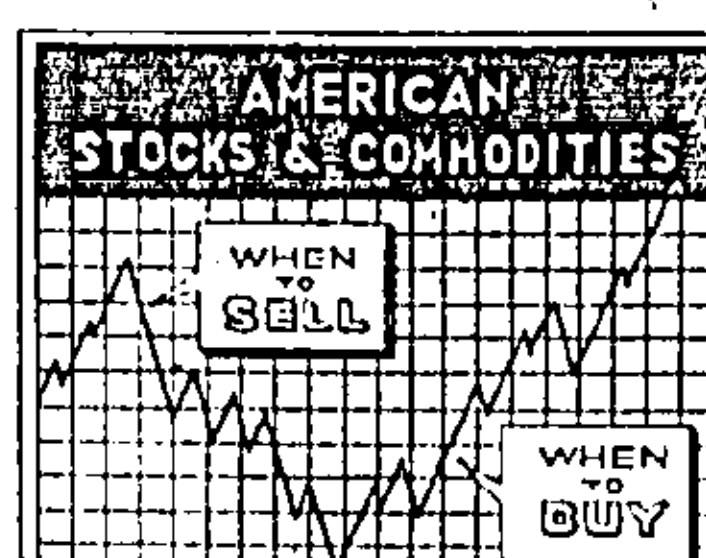
Oils were narrow apart from Kerr-McGee which gained 3. Litter Down, a Motorola, 3 and IBM, 4 featured an irregularly lower electronics group.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials 661.05
20 rails 142.33
15 utilities 109.01
65 stocks 222.41
40 bonds 60.34

Closing prices

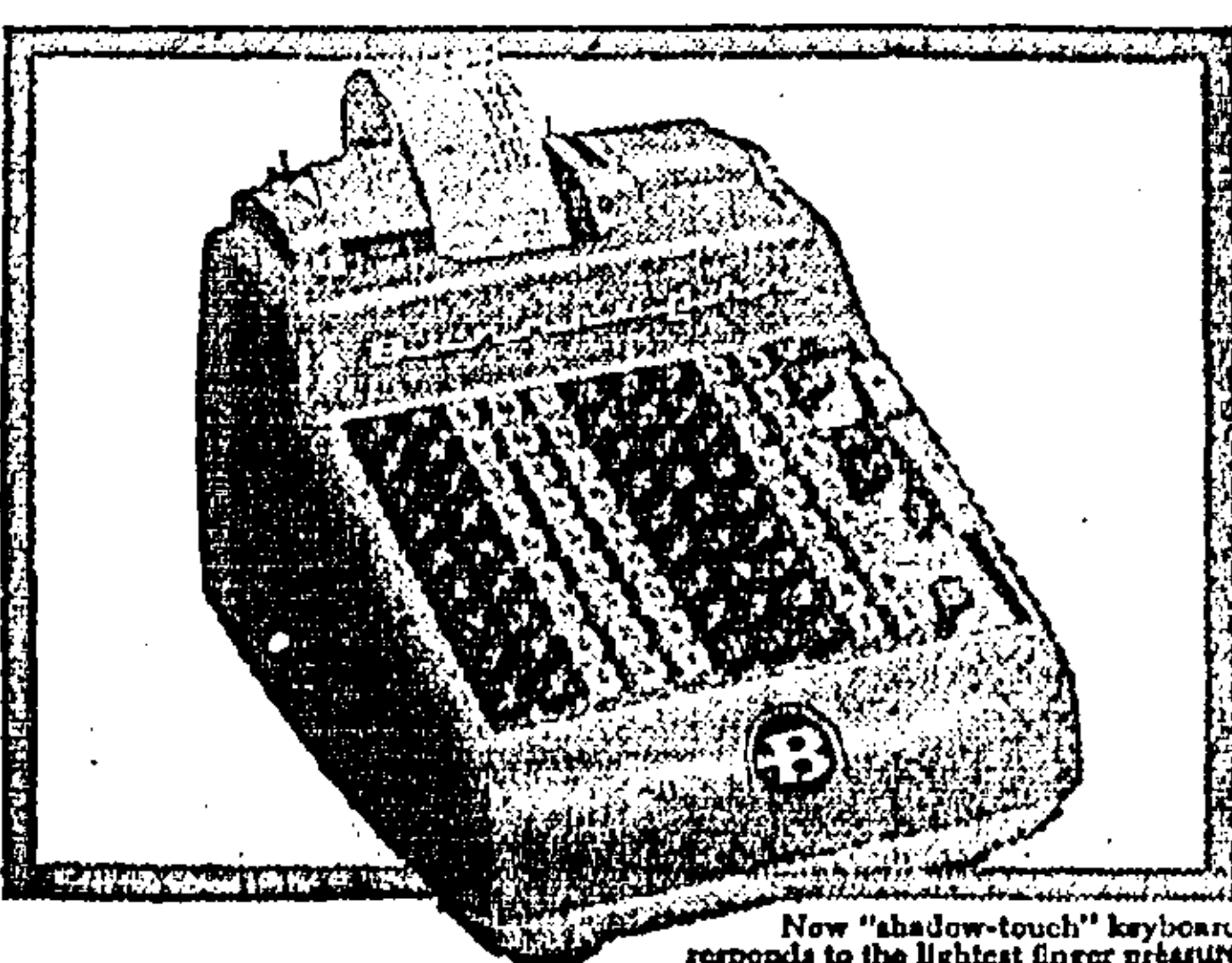
Alden Inc. Acq.	39 1/2
Algonquin Steel Corp.	39 1/2
Allied Chemical	39 1/2
Allied Mills Inc.	43 1/2
Allis Chalmers	29 1/2
Am. Brake Shoe	45 1/2
American Airlines	27 1/2
American Cable & Radio Corp.	22 1/2
American Metal	27 1/2
Am. Natural Gas	92 1/2
American Smelting	50 1/2
Am. Sugar Ref.	27 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	112 1/2
American Tobacco	73 1/2
Amplex	20 1/2
Anacosta Copper	43 1/2
Armour	43 1/2
Asbestos Corp.	27 1/2
Atlas Cons. Mining	41 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	31 1/2
Bank of Nova Scotia	73 1/2
Beech Life Savers	57 1/2
B. C. Tel. Co.	40 1/2
Bell Telephone	49 1/2
Bendix Aviation Corp.	63 1/2
Bendect Cons.	12 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	45 1/2



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Brighter prospects noted for rubber industry

Now that rubber appears to be finding some stability around the current level, the position in the share market is attracting more interest, says the Daily Telegraph.

Rubber is a fluctuating industry and the natural product now has to contend with keen and well-established competition from synthetic. But the present prospect, with America already giving some indications on industrial recovery, is not discouraging. Although so far this year the commodity price of around 25 1/2 p. lb. is well below last year's average of 32d, it is still at a level which gives the efficient producers a fair margin of profit. It is also at a figure much healthier for the long-term future of the industry than last year's peak of over 40d, when many natural rubber consumers found it cheaper to switch to the synthetic market.

Using a table to illustrate its point, the Daily Telegraph remarks that the yields of Highlands, Kuala Lumpur, Linggi, London Asiatic, Pataling and United Siam are temptingly high—ranging between 11 per cent and nearly 16 per cent. In the case of the companies included, the dividend rates are those paid for 1959.

DIVIDEND
Linggi has recently announced the maintenance of its 1959 rate for 1960 while Pataling has raised its payment from 35 per cent to 40 per cent. With first-grade rubber averaging 32d last year, compared with 30 pence for 1959, there is no reason to suppose that the dividend rates of the other companies still to be announced will be anything but satisfactory. The dividend outlook for 1961 is of course a different story. It must be assumed that average selling prices for rubber will be substantially below the 1960 level, but the

effect on profits will be mitigated by increased production and lower costs. Telegraph continues: Part of the fall in price is saved in export duty and considerable economies will be made in estate wages which are geared to the selling price of the product. It follows that the fall in profits this year in the case of the efficient producers is likely to be moderate and so are the probable reductions in dividends. The important point for investors is that at today's levels—in many instances 20 per cent to 25 per cent below last year's peaks—stock exchange quotations make adequate allowance for the lower profits now being earned.

Looking further ahead, leading rubber shares may well prove good holdings not only for their high income returns but for moderate appreciation. They are certainly at levels from which they could be expected to respond well to any improvement in the price of the commodity—a by no means improbable development over the coming months.—China Mail Special.

Sugar market

New York, Mar. 14. World No. 8 sugar futures today closed extremely dull and featureless, ruling unchanged to four points lower with sales of only nine contracts. Domestic No. 7 sugar closed unchanged to one point higher with sales of 33 contracts.—UPI.

NEW YORK	
Rex rubber futures closing prices, all in cents per lb.	
March	30.40
May	30.30
July	29.80
September	29.20
November	28.70
January	28.60

SINGAPORE	
Closing prices all in Straits cents per lb. f.o.b. Malayan ports:	
No. 1 Apr.	87-07 1/2
No. 2 Apr.	87-07 1/2
No. 3 Apr.	85-50 1/2
No. 4 Apr.	85-50 1/2
Spot rubber unbleached	87-50 1/2
Blackstrap	87-50 1/2
No. 1 pale crop	91-02 1/2

COTTON

NEW YORK	
Closing prices all in cents	
Spot	33.00
Mar.	32.80
May	33.30
Jul.	33.20
Sep.	33.32
Dec.	34.01
Mar.	33.20
May	33.50
Jul.	33.50
Sep.	33.54

NEW ORLEANS

Closing prices all in cents	
Spot	30.00
Mar.	29.30
May	29.75

LONDON

Closing prices all in sterling	
Spot	82 1/2
Mar.	82 1/2
May	82 1/2
Jul.	82 1/2
Sep.	82 1/2

NEW YORK

Closing prices all in cents	
Spot	30.00
Mar.	29.30
May	29.75

LONDON CLOSES MIXED

London, Mar. 14. Stocks made a mixed showing for much of the day while investors waited for February's foreign trade figures. The blue chips had drifted before news of a sharply contracted trade gap brought a better trend before the bell. Two-way trading in industrials led to mixed movements, but steel and stores were on higher ground while selected engineering equities and electrical equipments went ahead on contract news. Babcock and Wilcox and C. A. Parsons were the standouts.—UPI.

Closing prices

British Government Securities	
2 1/2% Consols	105 1/2
3% Savings	105 1/2
3 1/2% Savings	105 1/2
4% Savings	105 1/2
Overseas Bonds	
5% Germany (1945-46)	105 1/2
5% Germany (1947-48)	105 1/2
5% France (1945-46)	105 1/2
5% France (1947-48)	105 1/2
5% India (1945-46)	105 1/2
5% India (1947-48)	105 1/2
5% Japan (1945-46)	105 1/2
5% Japan (1947-48)	105 1/2
5% U.S. (1945-46)	105 1/2
5% U.S. (1947-48)	105 1/2

British Petroleum—5 1/2	
Burmah Oil—4 1/2	
Shell Transport—13 1/2	
Royal Dutch—14 1/2	
Steel & Engineering	
Babcock & Wilcox—25 1/2	
Tube Investments—25 1/2	
United Steel—25 1/2	
Victors—25 1/2	
Electric	
Asoco. Elec. Industries—4 1/2	
Elec. & Mus. Industries—4 1/2	
English Electric—4 1/2	
General Electric—4 1/2	
Philips—4 1/2	
Industrials	
Accor. Portland Cement—7 1/2	
Boardman—7 1/2	
Borax (Holdings)—10 1/2	
Dunlop Rubber—10 1/2	
Forestal—10 1/2	
Gilman (Holdings)—10 1/2	
Hudson's Bay—10 1/2	
Rediffusion—10 1/2	
Turner & Newall—10 1/2	
Westland Aircraft—10 1/2	
De La Rue—10 1/2	
Imperial Chemical—10 1/2	
Mechanite Chemicals—10 1/2	

Paper	
Bowater Paper—5 1/2	
Wiggins Teape—5 1/2	
Tobacco	
British-American Tobacco—5 1/2	
Carroll—5 1/2	
Imperial Tobacco—5 1/2	
Motors	
British Motor—5 1/2	
Hawker Siddeley—5 1/2	
Jaguar Cars—5 1/2	
Reliance—5 1/2	
Standard—5 1/2	
Calico Printers—5 1/2	
Coats (J. & P.)—5 1/2	
Courtauld—5 1/2	
Flint—5 1/2	
Lancashire Cotton—5 1/2	
Great Universal—5 1/2	
Marles & Spencer—5 1/2	
Nice's Empires—5 1/2	
Woolworth (F.W.)—5 1/2	
Textiles	
De Beers—5 1/2	
Petting—5 1/2	
Rho-Tint—5 1/2	
Rhon Antelope—5 1/2	
Union Corporation—5 1/2	
Western Gold Mining—5 1/2	
Western Holdings—5 1/2	
Rubbers & Teas	
Ceylon Tea—5 1/2	
Imperial Tea—5 1/2	
Kelco—5 1/2	
Lambak Rubber—5 1/2	

COMMODITY PRICES

RUBBER	
Oct.	34.31
Dec.	34.57
Mar.	34.57
May	35.54

SUGAR

NEW YORK	
Closing prices, all in cents per lb.	
Contract No. 8 (world)	
May	2.05
July	2.00
September	2.00
Oct.	2.00
Spot—world average	2.07
Total Sales—1,200 contracts	
Open interest—1,200 contracts	
Contract No. 6 (domestic)	
May	0.23
July	0.27
Spot—bulk, duty paid	0.32
Spot—bulk, duty free	0.19
Open interest—1,000 contracts	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK	
Closing rates:	
Canada	1.01-5/32
England official	2.790
60 days	2.780
Australia	2.2235
Switzerland	2.709
Sweden	0.638
Switzerland	2.713

LONDON

Closing rates:	
New York	2.70-13/16-2.70-1/16
Amsterdam	10.00-10.00 1/2
Basle	10.00-10.00 1/2
Copenhagen	10.00-10.00 1/2
Frankfurt	10.00-10.00 1/2
Geneva	10.00-10.00 1/2
Paris	10.00-10.00 1/2
Brussels	10.00-10.00 1/2
Milan	10.00-10.00 1/2
Venice	10.00-10.00 1/2
Zurich	10.00-10.00 1/2

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Seller Price: \$1.30	

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Business done at the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$6,020,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HK Bank	1030	1040	15 @ 1030
Lombard Inv.	48	50	103 @ 302
Wharf			103 @ 370
			103 @ 374
			103 @ 370
			103 @ 380
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London section

London, Mar. 14. This section of the Baltic Exchange has been quiet today. The slightly lower rate of 52/- was paid for the movement of 9,000/9,900 tons iron ore from Bombay to Yugoslavia aboard an unnamed vessel in April 15/30 position on fio and trimmed terms, and with 1,000 tons load and 1,000 tons discharge.

British shipbuilding for January

London, Mar. 14. British shipyards laid down 72,000 tons of new shipping in January and of this total 32,000 tons were for foreign owners. Tankers represented only 11,000 tons, and all were for British owners, figures from the Central Statistical Office showed today.

UK sports equipment exports trebled

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Airline proposes new low fares

New York, Mar. 14. Seaboard & Western Airlines, an American cargo carrier, today proposed a new low passenger fare across the North Atlantic. It wants to carry passengers in its freighter planes.

Exchange rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per £1)	6.703
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.94
Australian notes (per £1)	12.77
Indonesian Rupiah (per 100)	3.20
Siam Baht (per 100)	26.30
Singapore (Straits)	1.61

Agreed merchant rates

Swiss Francs: Maximum Selling 74%.

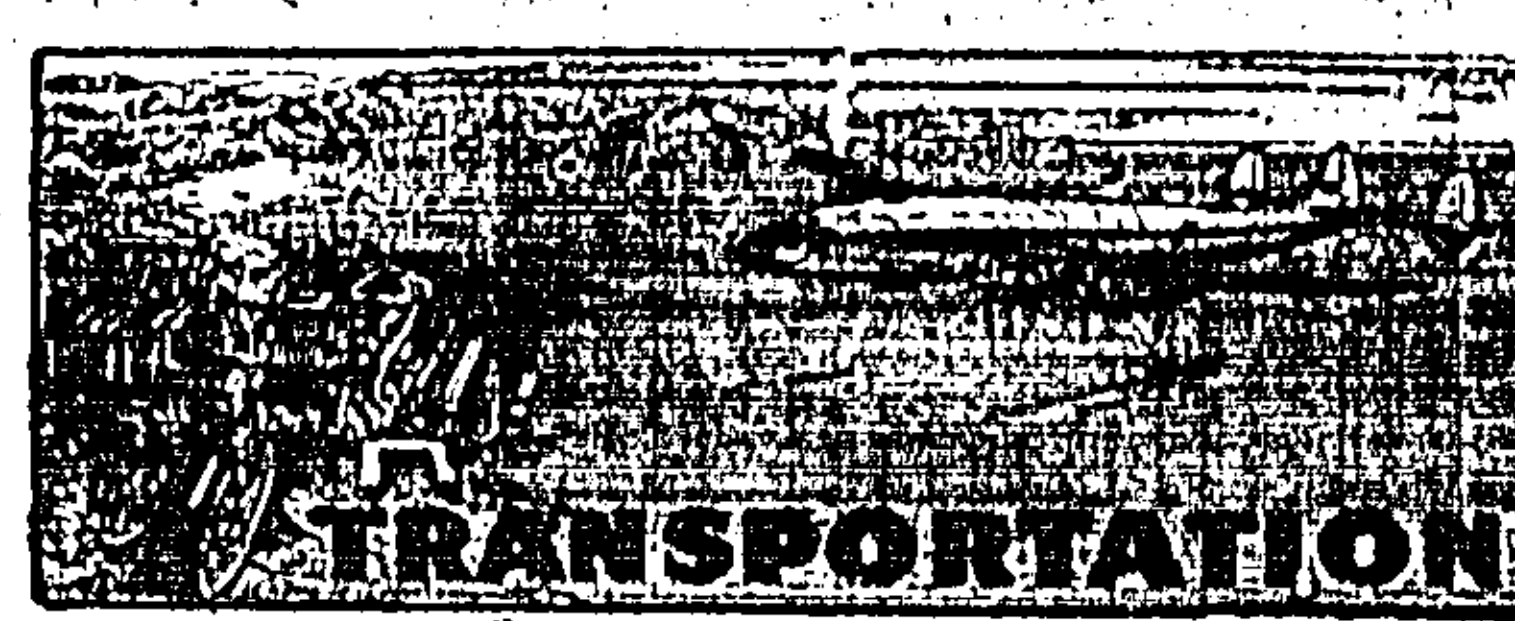
West German Deutschmarks: Maximum Selling 68%.

Unit trust

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'Barber's pole' aids the pilot

A flying "barber's pole", designed to make flying an aircraft simpler and surer, is to be tested this year in a Boeing 707 jetliner of Boac.

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GOVT MOVE IN SEQUEL TO BIG ANTI-TRUST CASE

Five electrical firms sued

£4,300,000 in damages claimed

Washington, Mar. 14. The Justice Department and the Tennessee Valley Authority today filed a joint suit for nearly \$12 million (about £4,300,000) against five electrical equipment manufacturers involved in the big anti-trust case in Philadelphia last month.

The announcement of the suit was made here by Mr Robert Kennedy, the Attorney-General.

The suit, filed in the Federal District Court in Philadelphia, was the first of an expected long series of similar actions for damages against the companies by government, state and private bodies. Named as defendants today were the General Electric Company, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, Federal Pacific Electric Company and I.T.T. Circuit Breaker Company.

ONLY ONE ITEM
The claim relates to only one item of heavy electrical equipment—large outdoor oil and air circuit breakers purchased by the T.V.A. and government agencies between 1951 and 1960.

Mr Kennedy said several other major items were sold to the same agencies during this period, and the suit over the circuit breakers was "the first of several contemplated."

The recent criminal anti-trust case, alleging the rigging of bids and fixing of prices among 29 electrical companies resulted in fines totalling nearly \$2 million (about £714,000) and brief jail sentences for seven executives.

In the criminal case, G.E.C., Westinghouse, and Allis-Chalmers had pleaded guilty to allegations of rigging bids on contracts for circuit breakers. The other two named in today's suit entered pleas on "no contest" on this charge.

Today's suit contends that on purchases of more than \$25 million (about £8,000,000) worth of circuit breakers during the last nine years, prices were about 40 per cent higher than they would have been under genuine competitive bidding.

The suit seeks to establish that T.V.A., sponsored by the government, is a private concern and can therefore seek triple damages.

RESCUE OF RAPED MISSIONARY

Leopoldville, Mar. 14. A United Nations patrol has rescued an American missionary woman, raped repeatedly by Congolese, and she now waits with nine fellow countrymen for permission to fly to safety, officials said tonight.

A Malayan UN patrol brought the American woman, who was raped by four Congolese soldiers in her mission post in Kivu Province, to the town of Kindu, 160 miles west of Bukavu, officials said.

They said the patrol rescued the girl from Kama, 100 miles southeast of Kindu, where she was assaulted on March 6 in the reign of terror and rape that flared after former Premier Patrice Lumumba was killed.

The UN patrol brought the girl to the hotel in Kindu where nine other members of American missionary families are awaiting repatriation from chaotic Kivu Province.

NOT IDENTIFIED
She was not identified. The Malayan patrol also visited another American missionary family who insisted on staying at their post because they operate the only secondary school in the Maniema district of the province.

They were identified as Mr and Mrs Ternstra and three children. Their school is situated at Kokumba, east of Kindu.

Meanwhile, more nuns and priests arrived here today with tales of terror and suffering at the hands of soldiers who ran wild in Kivu after Lumumba's death.

The nuns and six priests arrived in one plane this afternoon. One said at the airport, "there was a day when we saw hell."—UPI.

UN is told

'ANGOLA SITUATION POSES BIG THREAT TO WORLD PEACE'

United Nations, Mar. 14. Ghana told the Security Council today that the situation in Portuguese Angola posed "a great threat to international peace and security."

"The wind of change which has come to be identified with Mr Macmillan, Prime Minister of Britain, has become a hurricane," the Ghanaian delegate, Mr Alex Quaison-Sackey, declared. "Portugal cannot prevent this hurricane from blowing through oppressed and down-trodden colonies."

Mr Quaison-Sackey said there had been many disturbances in Angola, in West Africa, but a "bamboo curtain" had prevented the world hearing of them.

REFORMS
Ceylon, Liberia and the United Arab Republic tabled a resolution in the Council calling for a sub-committee to examine statements concerning Angola and "to conduct such enquiries as it may deem necessary." It also called on Portugal to consider urgently introducing reforms in Angola.

Earlier, Mr Emmanuel Dada, of the (former French) Congo, said the Portuguese had committed "numerous atrocities" in Angola. France and Britain had gained "admiration and respect" for taking account of changing conditions in Africa, so why could not Portugal do the same, he asked.

He said entire families had been deported from Angola, and Portugal had contracted with South Africa to send Angolan labourers to work in South African mines.—Reuters.

New Nepal order
Kathmandu, Mar. 14. The Nepal government today issued a new order which would entitle the government to demand that any Nepalese citizen return to his country or be faced with loss of property, citizenship rights, fines or imprisonment.

The new order retrospective to last March 5, was reportedly aimed at Nepalese citizens working now in India.—AP.

IN HYSTERICAL CONDITION Fiance tells of vain bid to save Belinda Lee's life

San Bernardino, Calif., Mar. 14. "Belinda... Belinda..." that name, half-whispered over and over in a hospital room, told of the unhappy end of another romance—this one the last—for British actress Belinda Lee.

The 26-year-old beauty was hurried to her death in a high speed smashup on the desert highway yesterday.

Today her fiance, described by friends as hysterical, told of vainly trying to save her life in the last seconds before the crash.

She had travelled for the last three months with the group headed by Italian movie director Gualtiero Jacopetti, 41, to whom she became engaged a year ago.

"When the tyre blew out, I was sitting in the back seat behind her," Jacopetti told a friend. "I tried to hold her then all of a sudden the car started to turn around and she was out of the car."

MORE THAN 100 MPH
The station wagon, which a road worker estimated was going more than 100 miles an hour, skidded 1,100 feet after its left rear tyre blew. It leaped a ditch and landed upside down.

Miss Lee, thrown 63 feet, was unconscious but alive when police arrived. A doctor pronounced her dead before an ambulance arrived. She suffered a skull fracture and broken neck.

Jacopetti, with a broken leg, underwent emergency surgery. Friends said he was under sedatives and suffering from shock and grief but was out of danger.

"He just keeps calling her name over and over," Michael Guarini of Los Angeles said. "They were very much in love with each other."

Others injured were Paolo Cavara, 34, also an Italian movie director, who suffered a bruised and sprained ankle, and the driver, Nino Fulenga, 43, who suffered a fractured shoulder blade. Fulenga lives in Hollywood and was the Italian's adviser. He said they probably were going more than 80 at the time.

IN HONGKONG
Guarini said Miss Lee joined the group in Hongkong and together with them visited Tahiti, Hawaii, Los Angeles and Las Vegas, Nevada. She had no connection with their project, filming of a documentary film called "The Woman in the World".

The group had planned to fly to Rome today, then return to New York city to shoot the remaining one-fourth of the film.

"For the actress it was a violent end to a life marked by sensation and romances that ended unhappily."

The British Vice-Consul in Los Angeles said, after receipt of a cable from Miss Lee's mother, "that body will be cremated in Los Angeles. No time has been set."

Among Miss Lee's friends was actress Anna Kashfi, who telephoned the hospital several times today. She told a reporter she had been a friend of Miss Lee for many years but had not seen her on her last visit to Hollywood.—AP.

8 survive bomber crash

Yuba City, Calif., Mar. 14. An eight-jet B52 long range bomber, carrying an unarmoured nuclear bomb, crash-landed and burst into flames today near Yuba City.

All eight men aboard the Mather-based swept-wing aircraft survived. Two suffered broken legs.

Two fire trucks crashed while rushing from Beale Air Force base to the scene in efforts to save the \$5 million plane. One fireman was killed. Several others were injured.

At least four of the bomber crew parachuted. Two of the survivors were taken to Presumpt Hospital in Yuba City. Three others were flown by helicopter to another hospital.—AP.

Mr Butler backs voluntary organisations

London, Mar. 14. Mr R. A. Butler, Home Secretary, said today "the British Government would watch 'with great interest' the development of President Kennedy's proposed 'peace corps' to help in under-developed countries."

But he told questioners in the House of Commons who had urged a similar scheme, that the Government thought it wise to base plans on the present voluntary organisations.

These organisations were in touch with the Government and had expressed their pleasure that this was so.

"It would be a great mistake in this country if we under-estimated the will and importance of the voluntary organisations," he added.

The American scheme provides for Americans with experience in health, teaching, agriculture and other skills, to impart their knowledge while living with the people in under-developed countries.—Reuters.

Makarios in London

London, Mar. 14. Archbishop Makarios, President of Cyprus, arrived here by air today for talks to join the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference.

The Commonwealth leaders at their session yesterday agreed unanimously that Cyprus should be admitted to their family of nations as the 15th member.

The Archbishop told reporters at London Airport: "In spite of differences of the past and bitterness, our relations with the United Kingdom are now very good. The past is already forgotten."

Asked for his views on apartheid, he said: "A policy of racial discrimination cannot be excused by any moral standards, and is repugnant and condemnable."

Asked whether he thought South Africa should stay in the Commonwealth, he replied: "I am a newcomer to the conference of the Commonwealth and I don't wish to express my views at the moment."—Reuters.

Papuan defence corps

The Hague, Mar. 14. A Royal decree published in the state gazette today confirmed the establishment of a Papuan defence corps for Dutch New Guinea.

The decree said the Government considered it "desirable" that Papuans "were given an opportunity to take part in the defence of their own land."

The decree said that military training is coupled with training for domestic crafts to be exercised later in civilian life.

Call for backing of Labour paper

London, Mar. 14. Mr Ted Hill, Chairman of the Trade Union Congress, today called on Britain's eight million trade unionists to subscribe a halfpenny a week to run the Daily Herald Newspaper themselves.

The Daily Herald, independent left-wing mouthpiece, would always be in trouble "until our movement is big enough to face its responsibility," he said in an article in the official journal of the Bolshemakers' Society, of which he is general secretary.

The Daily Herald is in the Odhams Press Group, recently acquired by the giant Daily Mirror organisation after a financial battle with Mr Roy Thomson, Canadian newspaper magnate.

Mr Hill told his union members: "If we really want to keep the paper as a Labour and trade union paper then we will have to try to find the money to do so."

"We have an income of over £20 million a year, and yet we cannot find a paltry halfpenny per week per member to subsidise and support a first class family newspaper until it is able to pay its way."

The TUC owns 40 per cent of the Daily Herald shares.—China Mail Special.

UK envoy to Thailand named

London, Mar. 15. Mr Dermot MacDermot, 54, at present Assistant Under-Secretary for Southeast Asian Affairs, has been appointed new British Ambassador to Bangkok. The Foreign Office announced today.

He succeeds Sir Richard Whittington who is retiring from the Foreign Service.

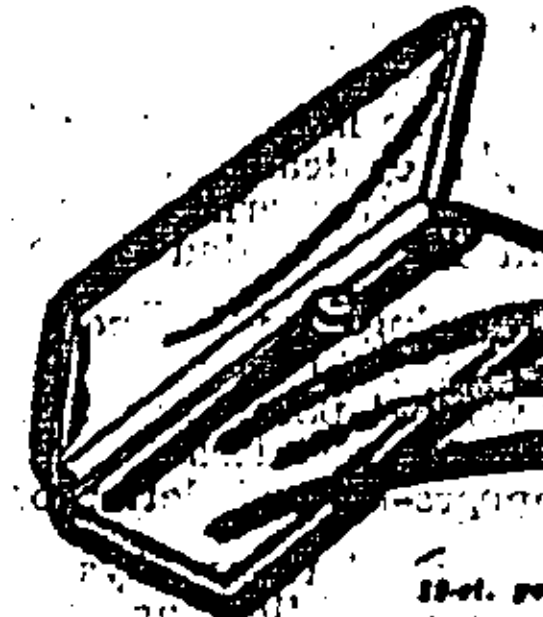
Before taking up his present appointment, Mr MacDermot was ambassador in Dacca. His career in the Foreign Service as an interpreter in the old British-Japanese Consular Service. He has served in many capacities in Japan and Manila and ranks as a leading British expert on Far Eastern affairs.

He has also served in Washington and New Orleans.—Reuters.



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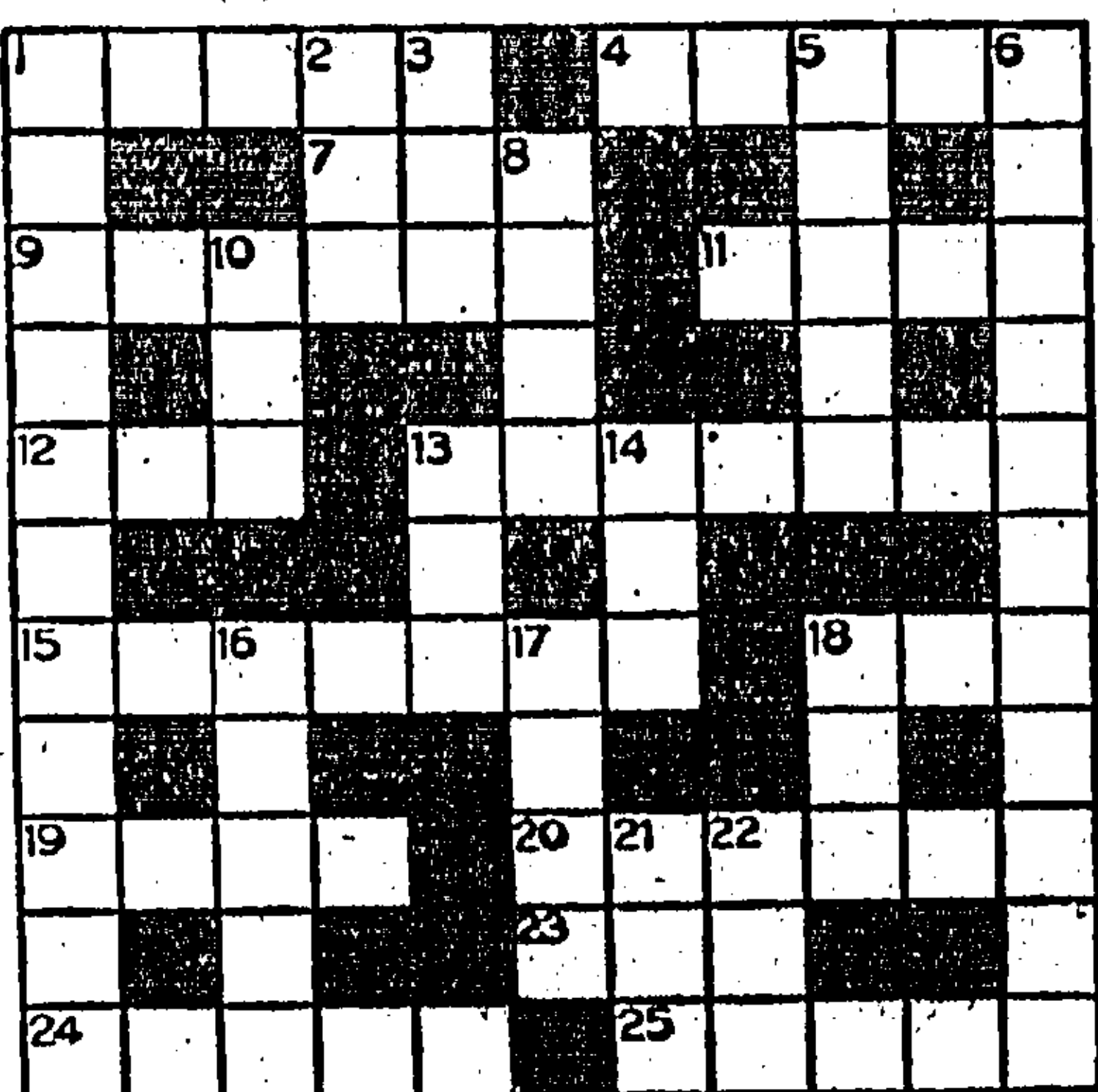
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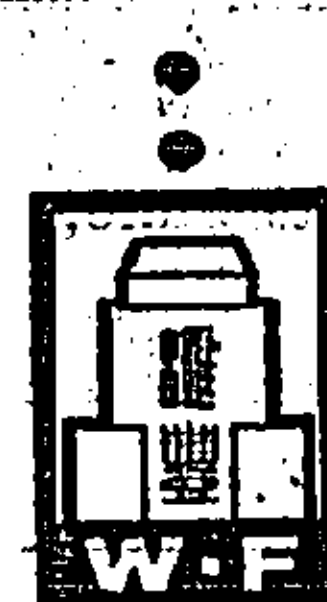
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- 11 Mend shoes.
- 12 Go.
- 13 Dot.
- 14 Minimum.

- 1 Novices.
- 2 Shut.
- 3 Shude.
- 4 Best.
- 5 Boredom.
- 6 Combination.
- 7 Short name.
- 8 Hole.
- 9 Juice.
- 10 Fruit.
- 11 Engrave.
- 12 Flah.
- 13 Lubricate.
- 14 Insect.

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Chicken and Irish coffee for the Duke

Dublin, Mar. 14.

Prince Philip paid his first visit to Eire today to have lunch at Shannon Airport with the Guild of International Airline Pilots of which he is Grand Master.

The catering people at Shannon went to a lot of trouble to make it a big event. They dug up traditional Irish dishes from a two hundred year-old cookery book in the National Library in Dublin and put up ninety different foods to select from. The main dish was whole lamb stuffed and roasted.

The Duke looked at it all and said "wonderful", and then he selected a small-plate of chicken with roast potato and a bottle of beer. "I am amazed," he commented "at this variety of food." And when the champagne came round he said: "No thanks I will have another beer."

Finally he was persuaded to have a Gaelic coffee — coffee with an Irish whiskey base and cream on top.

Special security arrangements were made at Shannon where he was welcomed by officials of the Eire Foreign Affairs Ministry. His stay lasted ninety minutes.—AFP.



THE DUKE

JAPANESE TO STAR IN HK FILM

As a result of the agreement arrived at among the members of the Executive Council of the Film Producers in Asia, the Toho Film Productions of Japan have released their leading male star, Akira Takarada to act in a film opposite Hong-kong's Lucille Yu Ming.

The film is to be called, "A Night in Hongkong," and it is to be made by Motion Picture & General Investment Co. Ltd of Hongkong.

Solo piano

At Queen's College this morning 30 entrants for Grade six piano solo competition played before Sir Stewart Wilson.

Miss Stephanie Kwok came first, with 86 marks followed by Rosie Mak with 85.

Freddy Tsang and Linda Wang carried for third place with 84 marks.

Generally speaking, Sir Stewart Wilson said he found the standard of piano playing in Hongkong high and the violin playing was particularly good.

FORMER GERMAN MINISTER MADE HONORARY KBE

Bonn, Mar. 14.

A former state secretary in the West German Interior Ministry, Herr Hans Ritter von Lex, has been appointed an Honorary Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire (KBE).

Cuba expels member of German Embassy

Havana, Mar. 14. Cuba today declared the Second Secretary at the West German Embassy, Herr Eberhard Baumann, persona non grata and gave him 48 hours to leave the country.

He was accused of "wrongful and insolent" behaviour to the authorities by breaking a seal which the Ministry of Property had applied to a house door under the laws of confiscation of counter-revolutionaries' property.

According to the Cuban Foreign Ministry Herr Baumann, who has been here about 18 months, said he rented the house.

Thousands of vacant houses throughout Cuba have been sealed by the authorities pending allocation under urban reform plans.—Router.

FIRST BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO UAR SINCE SUEZ ARRIVES IN CAIRO

Cairo, Mar. 14.

Sir Harold Beeley, Britain's first Ambassador to the United Arab Republic since the Suez incident, arrived in Cairo tonight and told reporters at the airport he looked forward to a new phase in relations between the two countries.

"I shall do everything in my power to improve relations between the two countries in every field," he said.

There might be differences sometimes he added, but "I believe we can discuss them with frankness and friendship and in so doing strengthen the bonds between us."

"I am particularly concerned with developing the two countries' cultural ties."

UAR envoy

Sir Harold was met at the airport by Mr Kamal Hassan, Deputy Chief of Protocol at the UAR Foreign Ministry.

The newly appointed UAR Ambassador to Britain, Mr

Mohammed Awad El Kouny, is expected to reach London from Cairo tomorrow.

Sir Harold goes to Cairo nearly four and a half years after the then Egyptian Government severed relations with Britain because of the Suez landings.

Relations between London and Cairo were restored at Charge d'Affaires level on December 1, 1959.

But agreement to exchange Ambassadors was reached only this year.

Sir Harold, an acknowledged authority on the Middle East, was until last month deputy leader of the British delegation at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.—Reuter.

MONTGOMERY INVITED TO LEAD PILGRIMAGE TO TORGAU MEMORIAL

Washington, Mar. 14.

United States veterans organiser has invited Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery to lead 30 British and US ex-servicemen to Torgau, East Germany, to mark the 16th anniversary of the friendly link-up of Allied and Soviet troops at the Elbe River.

The organiser, Mr Joseph Polowsky, one of six US infantrymen to make the first boat crossing over the Elbe as the Second World War came to a close said former President Eisenhower wartime supreme commander of the Allied forces had declined with regret a similar invitation.

Mr Polowsky also invited 15 British and 15 US ex-servicemen to make on April 25 what he called the first organised veterans return to the Elbe where in 1945 soldiers of the West and East met after smashing through the defences of Nazi Germany.

Mr Polowsky did not say whether any Soviet veterans would be invited to the anniversary pilgrimage but he said that when he made a long journey last year to the Torgau Memorial there Soviet army officers were there to represent the Soviet Union's World War II veterans.—China Mail Special.

SEAMEN LEAVE TO PICK UP FREIGHTER

Seventeen locally recruited Chinese seamen left for Aden by Air-India today to bring back a freighter recently purchased by a Hongkong shipping firm.

Mr B. S. Slossman, owner of B. S. Slossman & Co., of Hongkong, who saw the seamen off, told reporters the vessel his firm had purchased was the former Lebanese 2,800-ton freighter Maria Des Lourdes.

He said that of the 17 seamen who left yesterday, six were officers.

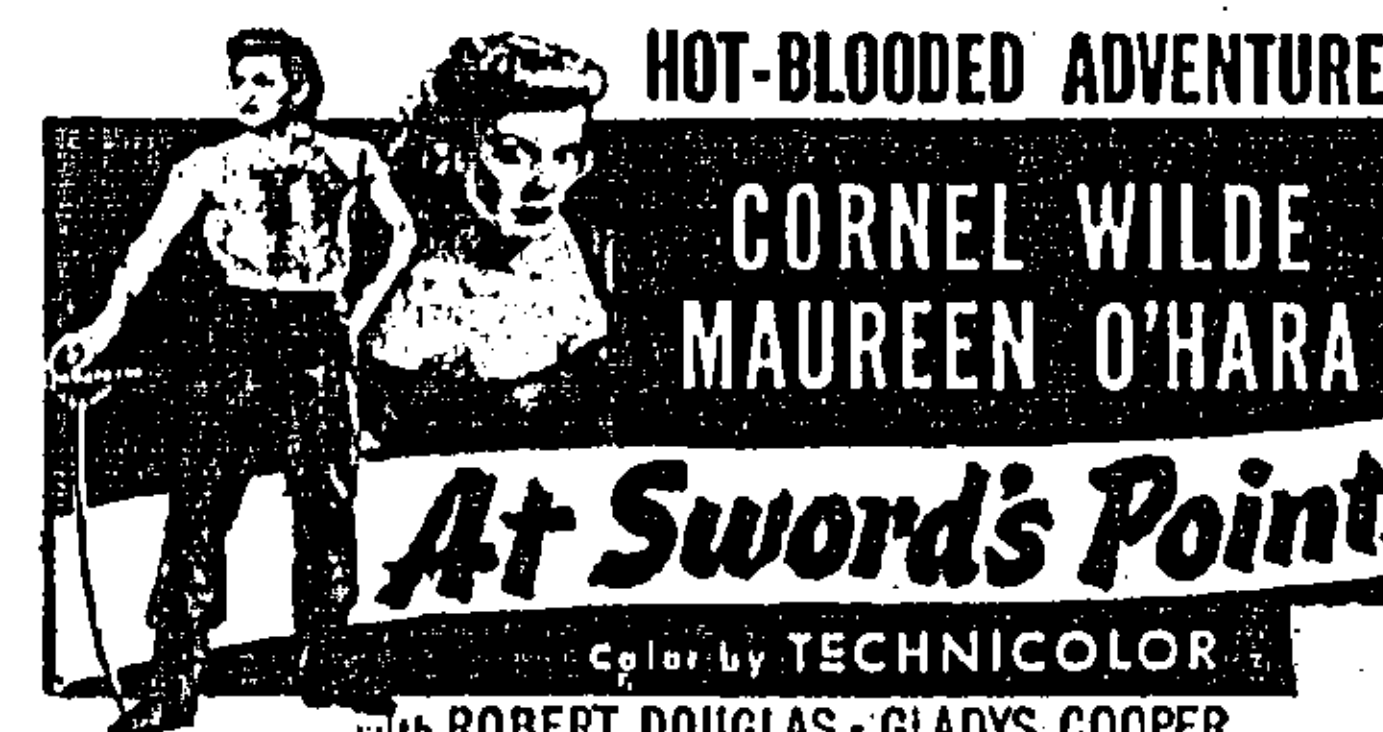
The newly purchased vessel will be named the Nina after the crew from Hongkong has taken over the vessel.

The Nina is expected to arrive in Hongkong within five weeks time.

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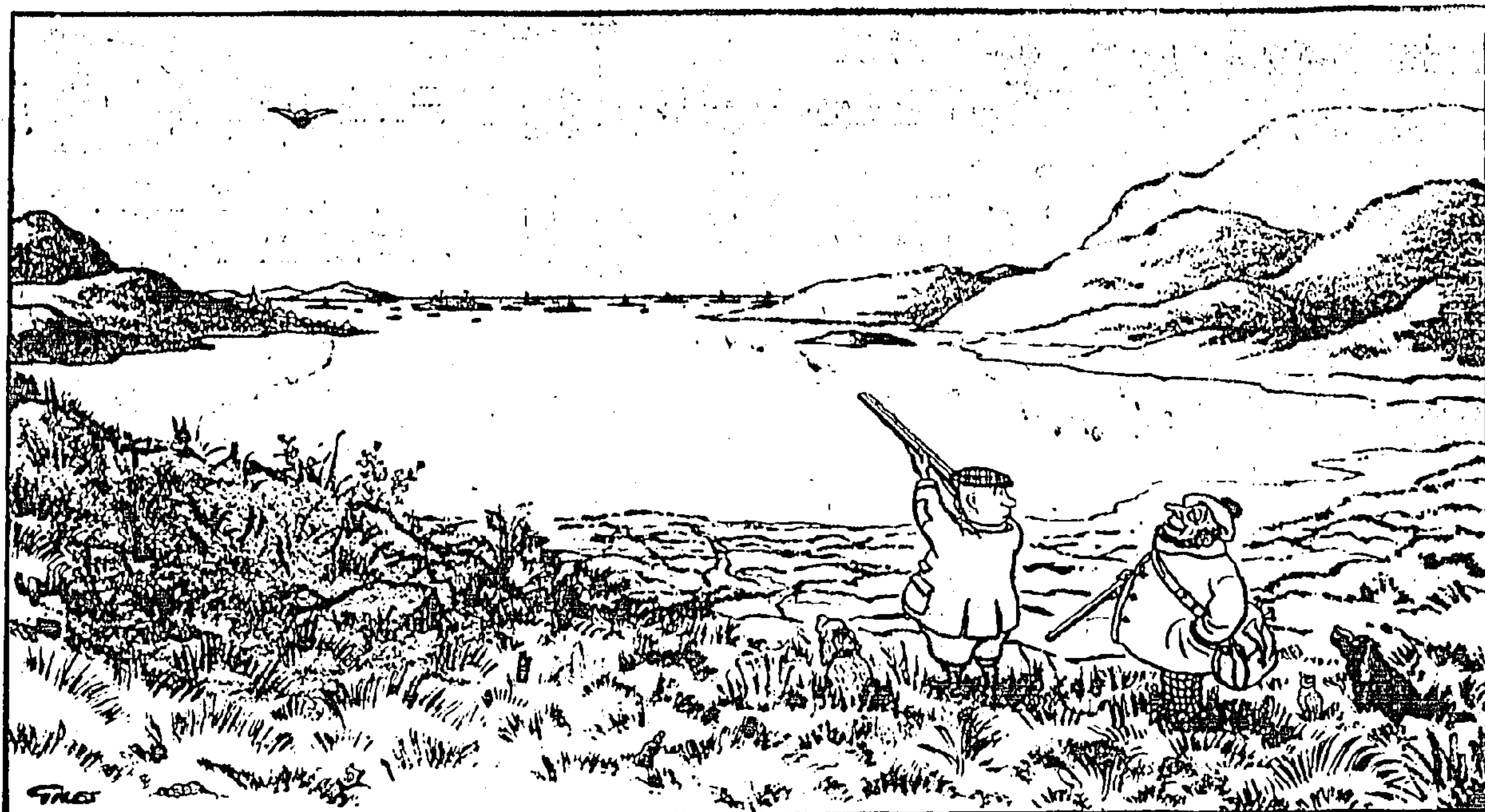
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"If ye miss and hit one of yon bonnie submarines it'll be bang—goodnight Europe."

London Express Service.

Brahms, vodka and bristles

STACKED at the front of the bookshelf in his hotel room were "The Decline and Fall of Hollywood," "The Writer and Psychoanalysis," and "The Life and Times of Cleopatra."

There was vodka in his glass and Brahms, softly, on the record-player. He had bristles on his chin and shadows under his eyes.

"I am dead beat," said Joseph Mankiewicz. He was, too. He had slept only five hours a night for four weeks... ever since he was asked to salvage that accident-prone epic "Cleopatra" and make it entertaining enough to earn £6,000,000.

If it does not make £6,000,000 Joseph Mankiewicz



MANKIEWICZ—'I'M DEAD BEAT'

by JAMES THOMAS

will have failed—and failure is a word never yet associated with his name. That is why Syreus Stouras, boss of 20th Century-Fox, has sent him to London to direct the film.

"I see a girl of 19 who suddenly appeared in those decadent, drunken times, a girl who spoke seven languages, fostered the arts, who had such a big political career that both Caesar and Antony proved too small for her ambitions."

"My predecessor, Mamoulian, pictured Cleopatra as far less sophisticated, far less experienced than I do... a far more romantic figure than I do."

"We have started again on the script because I believe that if the screen is going to talk it should say something worth while. It is wrong to ignore quality, even in an epic."

'Cagey'

"No honest person can afford to write down, or direct down, to a taste lower than his own. People who make pieces for the crowd are the people whose talents coincide with the talents of the crowd. De Mille was like that."

Mankiewicz has always aimed at intellectual satisfaction from film-making rather than bringing out big-profit block-busters.

How did such a man ever get involved with Cleopatra? "Skouras caught me over a big dinner in an expensive restaurant," he said wryly.

"My first reaction was to ask 'Why should I pull your film out of the fire for you?' In the end, though, I decided to try it. It's a chance to flirt with disaster."

"I don't believe in filling a Todd-AO screen with thousands of extras and a handful of stunt men swiping around with swords in the front. Somebody one day is going to take this great screen and put on it just one lovely rose. It will take a lot of courage to do it instead of panning round a great garden."

Risks

He takes risks. He put Marlon Brando into "Julius Caesar" changed him in his first musical "Guys and Dolls." He stirred up the cinema with "All About Eve" and "The Barefoot Contessa."

Now he has this epic to direct and he says: "I am after epic characters who don't talk in epic clichés."

Clearly, they were not happy about the case.

His death sentence, for a wild, savage massacre, was commuted to life imprisonment.

Picked up

And then, last summer, he was pardoned, and released.

And Estaban? He disappeared for a time into the shadows.

Now his trail has been picked up again. He is in Marseilles running contraband arms to the terrorists in Algeria.

—(London Express Service).

Romantic

"But that one rose is going to knock the audience out of its seats."

Mankiewicz clouded himself in smoke from Barking Dog shag, the cheapest tobacco on the American market, and explained the way he sees Cleopatra.

"I have nothing for her but a kiss, he said, 'and the news that we must be responsible for, turning out a great movie.'"

—(London Express Service).

Paris Newsletter

Madame's so shy when the General's about

By SAM WHITE

MADAME RENEE ABRAMI, a bustling widow in her early fifties who was the leading political hostess under the Fourth Republic, remains in many ways the regime's most endurable symbol.

She has certainly worn better than many of the pre-de Gaulle Prime Ministers whose social needs she so skilfully catered for.

Now she is putting the finishing touches to her memoirs of those great days when, as she puts it, "a state secret was not a secret until it was first fully discussed in my house." Times have changed and though General de Gaulle observes the protocol decreed by Inviting Madame Agrami to Elysee Palace receptions, relations between her and the de Gaulle regime remain on that strictly formal level.

Unsettling

This I gather was the situation not altogether unwelcome to Madame Agrami for, as she explained to me, "de Gaulle is the only man I ever met who makes me shy. I want to speak to him and yet I get tongue-tied whenever I try and do so."

For Madame Agrami, who has cracked jokes with Popes and princes, premiers and presidents to confess to shyness before the President of the Republic must be for her as unexpected an experience as developing an inferiority complex in relations to her butler.

Another new and unsettling experience for her these days is that she is no longer cast in the role of a political clairvoyant. Recently at a lunch she remarked to an old friend a former Minister, who is now a Minister again, "Do you remember what interesting conversation we used to have when you were Minister? To do him credit, she commented, "He blushed and muttered something about having to be more discreet these days."

I asked whom of the 20-odd Fourth Republic Prime Ministers she admired the most. She replied: "Perhaps those who took my advice."

And would anyone take offence at any indiscretions in her book? "Only those who are not mentioned," she said. The book's title will be "Did I Dream-It?" She did not.

CHANGE

THE ability of the middle-class French not to be deflected from the higher

things of life by personal misfortune is illustrated by a significant change that has taken place in a modest Left Bank restaurant with a grandiloquent name of Restaurant of the Senators.

Situated about half-way between the Senate and the Assembly, it draws some custom from both, and its owner is a Madame Gardes.

Now some kind of fame has come to this hitherto modest establishment. It appears that Madame Gardes is the mother of no less a personage than Col. Gardes who was one of the accused in the famous Barriades trial.

Col. Gardes, a veteran of Indo-China and Algeria, and one of the most heavily decorated officers in the French Army, is accused of aiding last year's January insurrection in Algiers.

Madame Gardes, while no doubt distressed at her son's plight, has also noted some less distressing aspects of it. Over the faded lettering of "Restaurant des Senateurs" has gone up a bright new neon sign reading, "Restaurant Gardes."

BAFFLING

THIS has been a baffling time for me for I am left without any editorial guidance from those two leading spokesmen of the anti de Gaulle Left, M. Jean-Jacques Serran-Schreiber and M. Claude Bourdet, as to what to make of President Bourguiba's appeal for support of General de Gaulle's Algerian policy.

For once these two sages, whose voices ring louder abroad than they do at home, are reduced to silence.

I can understand their bafflement at the turn events have taken. For years Bourguiba has been one of their heroes, and now they have to accept his word that something which they said de Gaulle would not do he is, in fact, doing—that is laying the foundation for peace in Algeria.

They can hardly be more uncompromising than Bourguiba who, after all, has played host to the Algerian rebels ever since the war started. How would it look very pretty if they came out as the last ditch defenders of unconditional surrender by France?

—(London Express Service).

GUN-RUNNING...

WAS THIS THE REAL MOTIVE BEHIND THREE POINTLESS KILLINGS?

THE DOMINICI MURDERS

by Rene MacColl

I HAVE always been fascinated by the Dominici case—the dreadful murder of Sir Jack and Lady Drummond and their 11-year-old daughter Elizabeth as they camped by the roadside in France nearly nine years ago.

Gaston Dominici, the weird old farmer-patriarch, tough, grizzled, laconic, morose, was eventually brought to trial for the triple killing on his land, down in the wild mountainous region of the Lower Alps.

He was found guilty, all right, and imprisoned.

Network

Everybody was satisfied that he shot Sir Jack twice in the back, then pumped five bullets into Lady Drummond, and chased the child as she was trying desperately to run for it among the fragrant lavender bushes by the banks of the swift-flowing river Durance.

There he caught her and clubbed her to death.

But why? What was the motive? This was the question that beat through and through his trial, at the end of 1954.

And it was never satisfactorily answered.

Now, I believe, it can be.

And the answer is a story even more extraordinary than that of the cruel, dramatic crime itself.

Sixty miles to the south-west of Lyons, where Dominici lived, is the great French export of Marseilles—always, even at the best of times, a lively, disturbing place where the unexpected is the normal and the extraordinary is only mildly out of the way.

In 1952 Marseilles was the end of the line for a Communist courier network which had its roots in Czechoslovakia.

Moving along that line, secretly, by night, were rifles, pistols, and sub-machine guns.

And the last stop for the gun-runners, before their arms

reached Marseilles, was—Dominici's farm.

Now for a little political background. In 1952 the Korean war was in full swing, cold war tensions were spreading everywhere in Europe.

The Communists wanted to be ready for any activist operations that might be necessary, from organized street rioting to "commando" type raids against power plants and other strategic objectives.

So, arms were being moved in a hurry down to Marseilles, with its strongly pro-Communist population in the huge and important dock area.

On holiday

On August 5, 1952, there was a big cache at Dominici's farm. He had been ordered to be ready to help move the load into Marseilles that night.

His orders came from Estaban—the only name he is known by—Communist espionage organizer in Southern France.

Into this set-up came wandering the luckless Drummonds, who were on a camping holiday.

Haphazardly they set up their tent—only two hours or so before the vital operation was due to get under way.

For Estaban the sudden development was intolerable. The plan to run the guns could not easily be put off.

Estaban ordered Dominici to clear the unwelcome strangers out of the way.

Slaughtered

The formidable old man went along to harangue Sir Jack.

The Englishman explained that he and his family were tired after a long day's travel and had no intention of moving.

Dominici reported back to Estaban.

The tied leader repeated his order that the Drummonds must be got out of the way at all costs.

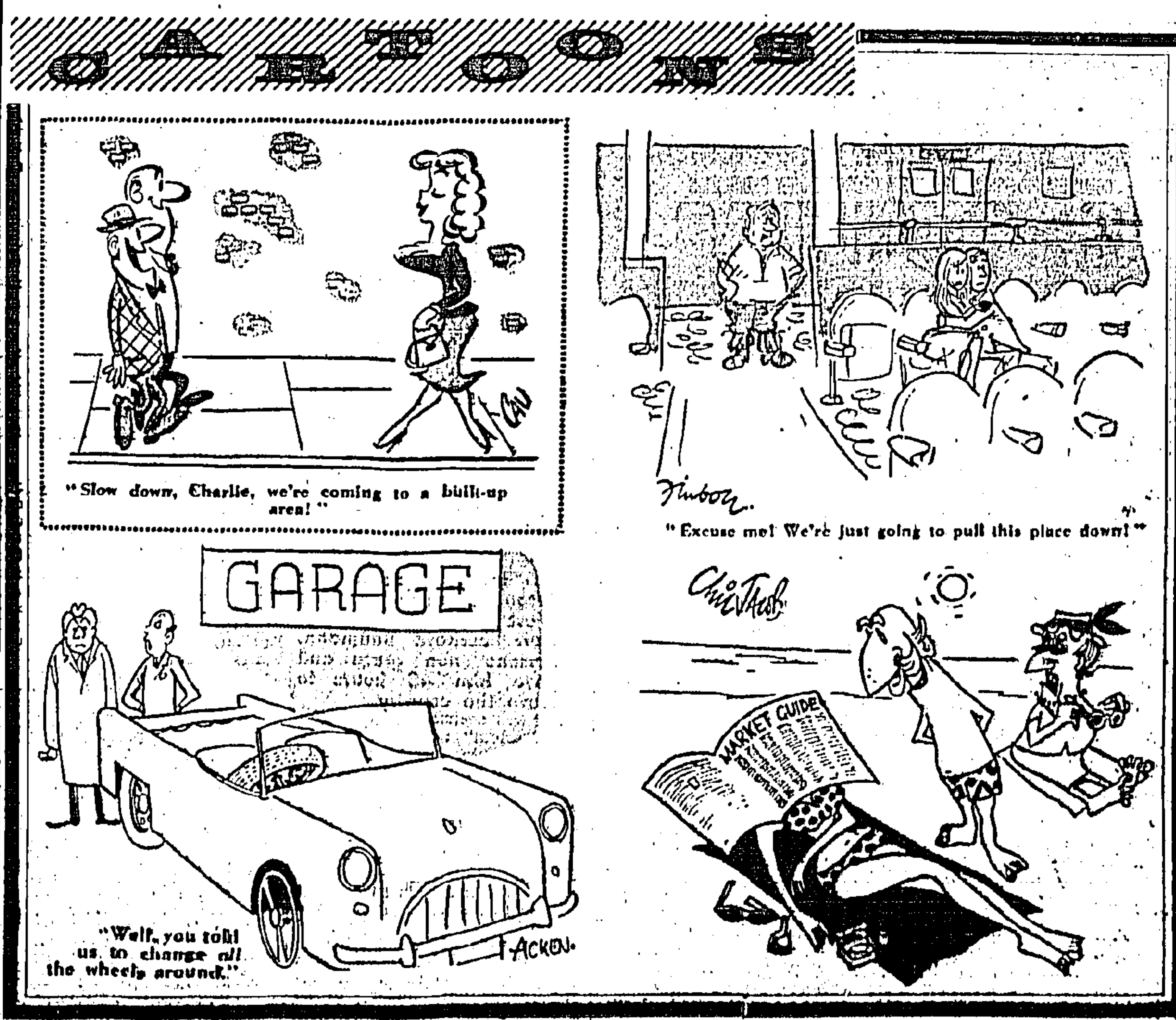
So Dominici took down his carabin and walked back down the road again.

A few minutes later the whole family had been slaughtered.

And soon after that the contraband arms were loaded on to a lorry and driven away over the dusty, moonlit road to the south-west.

This is the story told to me by a reliable, well-informed friend of mine who holds an important diplomatic post.

The dossier he has seen is to be published soon in France.



PATTERSON IN FIGHTING MOOD

Wants to make another title defence this year

HENRY COOPER AMONG LIKELY CHALLENGERS
By MURRAY ROSE

Miami Beach, Mar. 14.
Heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson, wearing a patch over his left eye, said today he hoped to defend his title again this summer.
"This once-a-year routine is for the birds," the fighter told a press conference. "I feel better when I am fighting more."

"Regardless of the income situation, I want to fight again this year. There are several good contenders. I don't know which one I would fight."

The heavyweight champion, who stopped Sweden's Ingemar Johansson in the sixth round of their third meeting last night, showed the effects of the bruising battle. His left eye was swollen and half-closed. A patch decorated his brow.

He told the press conference that Henry Cooper, the British champion, was high on the list of contenders who deserved a shot at the title.

Next opponent

He said the next defence of his crown would be handled by Feature Sports Inc., the promoter of the Miami Beach bout. Asked about the date of his next fight, Patterson said: "Some time between June and the end of September."

Patterson said he—and not his manager—would call the shots on all his future plans. "I will decide what I will do," he told the press conference.

The champion, asked if this meant there was a change in

his relationship with his manager Cus D'Amato who previously had determined opponents, sites and so forth, replied: "Obviously, it is changed. I will decide on my opponents."

"D'Amato is still my manager. He still gets one-third of my purse. But I will decide in what direction I will go."

Patterson said he and D'Amato still would confer on important matters and then he, Patterson, would make the final decision.

D'Amato is under suspension in New York State. However, he was able to serve in Patterson's corner in the Miami Beach fight.

When Patterson was asked if his next opponent might be Sonny Liston of Chicago, rated the No. 1 challenger for the title, he said: "Not until he cleans up the people around him."

Asked if he would name the persons involved, Patterson replied: "No, I won't name them. They know who they are and they will have to take a back seat."

'I was awful'

When a late arriving fight writer repeated the question, he answered: "I'm not looking to get bumped off."

Patterson told his interviewers that "I do not want any credit for last night's fight. I was awful. I showed no skill at all. All I showed was determination and a champion must have more than that."

He added that the mandatory eight-count, used in a heavyweight title fight for the first time, helped both fighters. Regarding his first knockdown in the opening round he said: "I'm certain I could have made it without the eight-count. My head was clear as far as knowing that I was down and then up again."

The champion said his only thought while on the floor "was to get up again."

Tom Bolan, newly named director of Feature Sports Inc., said this firm would be happy to promote another Patterson fight this year, either in late August or early September. He listed possible opponents as Liston, Henry Cooper of England or Eddie Machen of Redding, California.—AP.

US\$600,000 OFFER

Syracuse, Mar. 14.
Promoter Norman Rothchild today offered Floyd Patterson \$600,000 to defend his heavyweight title against Mike DeJohn of Syracuse in June or September.

Rothchild, who promoted middleweight champion Gene Fuder's recent title fight, made the offer in a telegram to Cus D'Amato, Patterson's manager.

Rothchild said he was prepared to guarantee Patterson \$600,000 with "champion's privileges that could run to well over a million."

Rothchild said a New York City bout in June or September would draw the best gate but he would leave the choice of a site up to D'Amato.

DeJohn ranks sixth among the heavyweights. He is training to fight second-ranked Eddie Machen in San Francisco on April 10.—AP.

BALLET FOR SPRINTERS



Ballet and drama are helping two of Britain's top sprinters—Dorothy Hyman and Sandra Batty (second and third from left)—prepare for what they hope will be their best-ever season. Here they watch as their ballet mistress, Marie Burrows, 24, demonstrates a supple leap during a lesson at Hayland, South Yorkshire.

Dorothy, an Olympic silver medalist, says: "Ballet lessons are a tremendous help. I've varied my six nights a week training routine and I am sure it has enabled me to increase speed." Sandra, a National Cool Board clerk, adds: "It is hard work, but the ballet class is great fun and it is making a lot of difference to my sprinting."—Reutersphoto.

It's the European title or elimination fights now for Ingo

Miami Beach, Florida, Mar. 14.
Johansson slept late after his knockout defeat last night and spent a quiet morning on an island off the Miami Coast.

At a press conference later in the afternoon he declared he was certain he was on his feet before the count of 10 in the sixth round of his fight last night.

The defeated Swedish fighter, who was counted out in that round after being floored by a right from Patterson, appeared to have one knee on the canvas when the referee waved his arms to signal that the 10 count had been completed.

Asked whether he considered he had been given a short count, Johansson replied: "I don't say about that. I know I was up before 10."

He added: "I just know I was up before ten. I don't in any way suggest that it was a fast count."

THE KNOCKOUT PUNCH

Johansson claimed that Patterson's knockout punch in the sixth round "hit me on the back of the head." He added that his head was clear the whole time and he could hear the count.

"I was following the count and got a little bit anxious to get up when the count was only nine when I was on the way up."

Asked if he considered the mandatory eighth-count had helped Patterson recover when he was first knocked down in the first round, Johansson replied: "I don't know. Patterson was up at four and was still fairly steady."

Johansson said he would like to return to Europe to attempt to retain his European heavyweight title, now held by Britain's Dick Richardson.

Asked specially if he intended to arrange a bout with Richardson, he replied: "I haven't been thinking about that fight yet. First I would like to have two weeks relaxing."

The Swede said he would be willing to fight in an elimination contest in the United States, consisting of himself, Sonny Liston, Zora Folley and Eddie Machen to decide who would be the next challenger for Patterson.

He added: "I would fight Liston right now."—AP and Reuters.

Pirie has a broken bone

London, Mar. 14.
Gordon Pirie, Britain's former world record holder for 3,000 and 5,000 metres, and a sub-four-minute miler, has cracked a bone in his left foot.

The injury was revealed when Pirie's foot was X-rayed today. He has suspended training for two weeks.—China Mail Special.

BIG-FIGHT COMMENTS

'Action was clumsy, sporadic, messy and inept'

New York, Mar. 14.
Most New York boxing writers had similar opinions today about last night's heavyweight championship fight—that apart from the first round it was lacklustre, and that champion Floyd Patterson was far from his top form.

The New York Journal-American wrote: "The fight had a thrilling first round after that the action was clumsy, sporadic and messy, with an ineptness that would embarrass amateurs scuffling for tin medals."

"The falls in the first round undoubtedly depleted both pugs, but Patterson

acted as if his skin were a suit of armour which hampered his movements. Johansson was clumsy as a cow wearing rubber boots."

Another writer in the same newspaper said: "This was the way kids used to fight in the streets before the zip gun was invented."

The New York Post wrote: "It was by far Patterson's worst effort in the series." The New York World Telegram and Sun said Patterson "got the job done, as many already are pointing out, with the assistance of the belatedly announced automatic eight-count."—Reuter.

NO PRE-NATIONAL RACING IN ENGLAND FOR RUSSIAN JOCKEYS

Liverpool, Mar. 14.
The Russian jockeys over here for the Grand National have been banned from pre-National steeple-chasing by a joint decision of the team it was reported tonight.

Top U.S. sports writer, broadcaster

Salisbury, Mar. 15.
Red Smith, New York Herald Tribune sports columnist, and Lindsey Nelson of the National Broadcasting Company for the second year in succession, have been named by their colleagues as the top sports writer and sports broadcaster in the United States.

They will receive awards at a banquet here on April 4 when sports writers and men prominent in athletics gather here at Colwell College for the second annual awards dinner. Voting by sports writers and broadcasters was conducted on a state level to determine state award recipients as well as the national winners.—AP.

Simpson still in second place

Avignon, Mar. 14.
John Simpson retained second place in the overall standings for the Nice to Paris professional cycling race following the fifth leg today from St Etienne to Avignon.

The French ace Joseph Groussard maintained his lead. Groussard is 30 seconds ahead of Simpson in the overall clocking. Belgium's Gilbert Desmet is third.—AFP.

Burnley arrive in Hamburg

Hamburg, Mar. 14.
The Burnley football team arrived here by air today for their European Cup quarter-final, second-leg match with Hamburger SV, the West German champions, tomorrow.—China Mail Special.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Hongkong School Sports Association annual championships. Meets at Hongkong Stadium, 2 pm.
Soccer:
1st Division: Kitchener v Kwong Wah (Police), 4.15 pm.
Reserve Division: Kitchener v Kwong Wah (Police), 2.45 pm.
Hockey:
"Manley Glens" seven-a-side, Club, 5.30 pm.

UK SOCCER RESULTS

London, Mar. 14.
Results of today's British football matches were:

ENGLISH LEAGUE
Division II
Leyton Orient 1 M'brough 1
Swansea 2 Rotherham 1

Division III
Bradford 1 Walsall 2
Bristol 4 Watford 1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Division I
Aberdeen 0 Hearts 2

—Reuter.

Kops, Mrs Hashman tipped to retain All-England badminton titles

London, Mar. 14.
Reigning champions Erland Kops of Denmark and American Mrs Judy Hashman, formerly Judy Devlin, are expected to retain their singles titles in the All-England Badminton Championships which begin tomorrow at Wembley.

Both are in brilliant form. Kops recently won the Canadian title, and Mrs Hashman took the women's title in the German Championships earlier this month.

Kops is often rated as the finest player in the world. Unfortunately the other contender for that position, Tan Joe-hok, of Indonesia, the 1959 All-England champion, could not be persuaded to make the trip this year. So the biggest challenge to Kops is likely to come from another Indonesian, F. Sonni, runner-up to Tan Joe-hok in 1959.

Sonneville, like Kops, is showing good touch. He confidently took the German men's singles open title recently.—Reuter.

Benaud: This could be Australia's greatest team

Launceston, Mar. 14.
Ritchie Benaud, Australia's Test captain, hopes to weld the cricket side to tour England this year into "the greatest team ever to leave Australia."

He said today "when he arrived here with the tour team. They will play two matches in Tasmania, one in Perth and another in Colombo on the way to England."

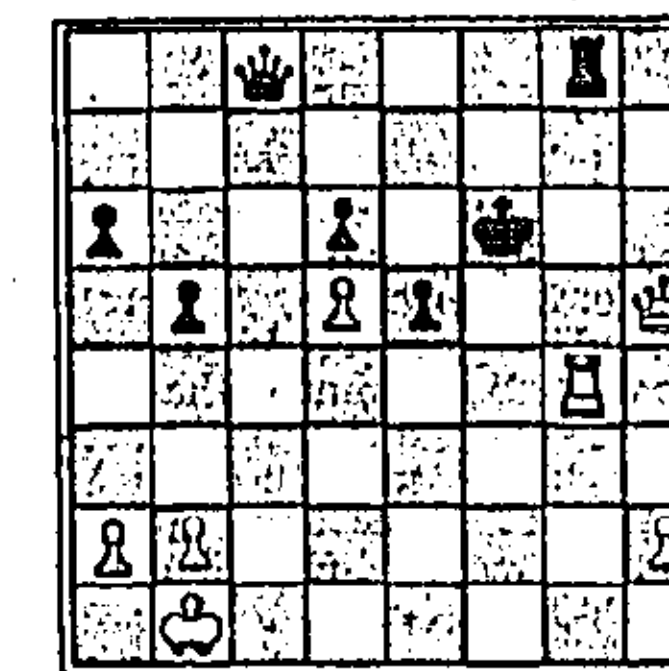
Benaud said he planned to use the match beginning here tomorrow against a Combined XI and the game against a Tasmanian XI at Hobart next week as "experimental matches for the formation of a Test combination which we hope will prove to be the greatest team to leave Australia."—China Mail Special.

World Cup soccer win for Israel

Tel Aviv, Mar. 14.
Israel beat Ethiopia 1-0 in the first leg of their preliminary group match here today in the World Football Cup competition. A crowd of 25,000 saw Israel score the winning goal in the 70th minute.—Reuter.

CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



It is a position from actual play: White to move and win.
Solution No. 5994: 1 B-K11, and there is no defence to 2 P-B4 mate.
London Express Service.

SPANISH PEP

A South West Birmingham Boys' League Club decided to call themselves Real after the Madrid club of that name. They went further; they nicknamed all their players after the Madrid stars.

Maybe there is something in this 'superior' complex approach for Real of the Birmingham brand have scored 31 goals in their last four matches, 69 altogether this season, and their centre forward "Pepe" Dave Crowley has netted eleven goals in his last two matches.—Banows Service.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY PREVIEW

This could be Scotland's finest hour

By JOHN COTTRELL

With the mythical Triple Crown, the Calcutta Cup and possibly the International Championship at stake, Scottish rugby could have its finest hour since the war at Twickenham this Saturday.

Never has the time been so ripe for a Scottish grand-slam take-over bid. The Scots, with home victories over Wales and Ireland behind them, now head the championship table with four points from three matches. Once-mighty England, still without a single victory, are favourites for the wooden spoon.

History, however, weighs heavily in England's favour. Scotland has not triumphed at Twickenham since 1924. It has not beaten England since 1950, has not won the Triple Crown or the Championship for 23 years.

Most significant of all, England has not yielded at Twickenham to any of the championship countries since the Welsh victory five years ago. Even the top-form men of France have been held to draws on their past two visits—and France has this season beaten Scotland 11-0.

The key
In defence, at least, England invariably summons up hidden energy and determination at Twickenham, and certainly we can expect a keen low-scoring struggle this Saturday.

Yet—after years of success—fully backing England at home—I am sticking my neck out and giving Scotland to win at last and hammer home the final nail in the English coffin.

They key to the match will be the battle for forward supremacy and Scotland has

her finest pack for many years, heavy but mobile and full of attacking ideas.

Against Ireland, all three Scottish tries were the work of the forwards, who even outplayed the experienced Irish in the tight scrum.

Skill, strength and stamina—these 90-minute forwards of Scotland have all in good measure. And, in beating the Irish 16-3, the Scots were able to run up their highest score in an international match for 10 years.

Uninspiring XV

None of those 16 points came from a three-quarter and it is true that the backs do not provide a strong attacking force. But in defence they are as determined and dependable as ever, and always there is the real threat when versatile full-back Ken Scotland comes up to join in a movement or when, on all too rare occasions, the ball gets out to flying winger Arthur Smith.

For the opposition, the six England selectors have come up with an uninspiring fifteen which has only one change—and a deplorable one at that—from the side which served only moderately well against France.

By making Roy Rismen the scapegoat for England's failure to beat France, the selectors have strengthened Scottish hopes of victory and hastened the departure of their most valuable

player into the professional ranks of the Rugby League.

Rismen, the 23-year-old fly-half genius who once sacrificed a Welsh trial in the hope of playing for England, will never again display his many talents at Twickenham. And for me that is the major tragedy of the season.

Fairly enough, big Bill Patterson gets a second chance in the centre following his fumbling debut against the Springboks. But instead of restoring Rismen to his natural position of fly-half, the selectors persevere with speedy Richard Sharp.

Though I have always preferred Rismen, Sharp is an outstanding player who should not fall England at this desperate hour. But he must seek to open up the game by rumbling rather than with the kind of petulant kicking which wasted so many opportunities against France.

Oldest front row

It is noteworthy that, with the dropping of Rismen, not one member of this England side appeared in the last England team to meet Scotland at Twickenham. This might give the impression that the selectors have been busy introducing youngsters and building for the future.

Alas, this is not entirely the case. With Ron Jacobs, 32, Ernie Robinson, 33, and Peter Wright, 30, England has oldest front row on record. And clearly there are a number of players who can hardly survive another international season.

Even with all hope of honours lost, the selectors have refused to make any experiments to aid future campaigns. As a result, it cannot be the English pack matching the hard and fiery Scottish forwards.

Nor is there any reason to suppose that England will be stronger than Scotland in the centre, where Patterson is partnered by another converted fly-half, Mike Watson, more useful for his kicking than his handling.

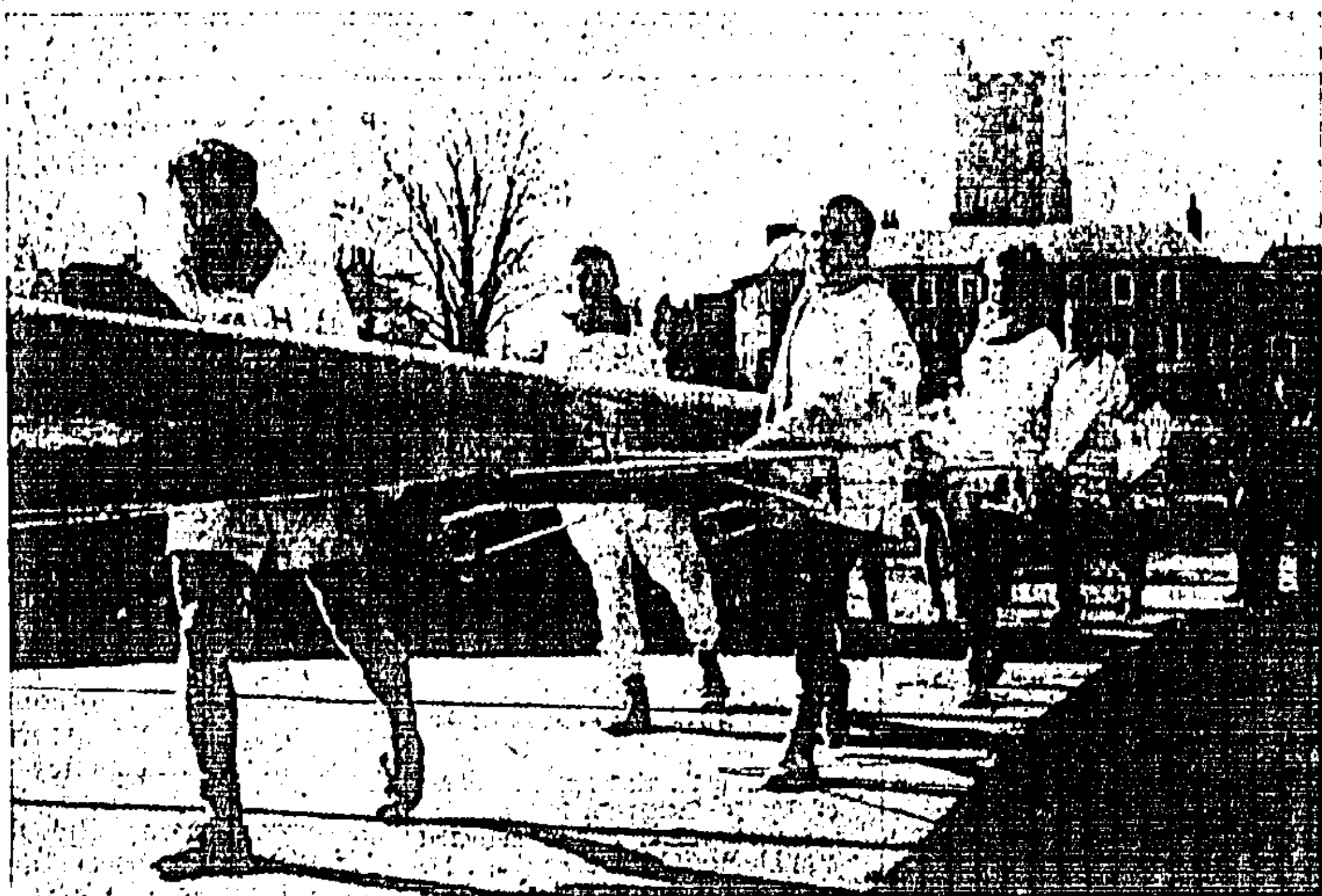
It all adds up to a great chance for the Scots and given a fair bounce of the ball I believe they can finally lay that Twickenham ghost.

THE GAMBOLS by Barry Appleby



Making a wish? Flying an India kite is bound to come true. For service sublime and food divine are there all the time (especially for you).

SPORTS PICTORIAL



ABOVE: With just over two weeks to go before the Boat Race on April 1, the Cambridge crew have moved to Henley to try out their new boat for the first time.

Photo shows the Cambridge eight carrying their new boat out of the water after their first outing in it last week at Henley-on-Thames. In the background is Henley Church.—COI Photo.



RIGHT: M. D. Murray, Guy's scrum-half, is able to get rid of the ball before being sandwiched during play in the Hospitals' Rugby Cup final between Guy's and St Thomas's at Richmond last week. Guy's won by nine points to six.—Central Press photo.



The final of the women's 80 metres in progress at the first day of the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association's Annual Championships at the Hongkong Stadium last Saturday. Winner of the event was Kwan Wan-sen (extreme left) who clocked 14.5 seconds for the event. Second was J. Lyons of King George V School (extreme right) and third Young Po-lin of COTT (third from left).—China Mail Photo.



No, this isn't a chorus line, it's a Soccer team! They call themselves The Smashers, and the only high-kicking they do is in the cause of scoring, and stopping, goals. Some disillusioned Football League managers might be ready to wave their cheque books and sign the lot. Some fans might say with cynicism: "And they couldn't be worse than the MEN we are obliged to watch each week." But The Smashers want admiration for their shooting, not their vital statistics. They have won five of their nine games this season and raised over £100 for charity. So dedicated are they, they have given up parties and boy friends, and have been in strict training for months. Now the club managers are asking First Division clubs for help so they can get a football pitch of their own.

Four D. Jones

By MADDOCKS



THE HOT SUN BEATS DOWN ON THE TREE DWELLERS' COUNTRY...



YOU ARE SO RIGHT, MAN!

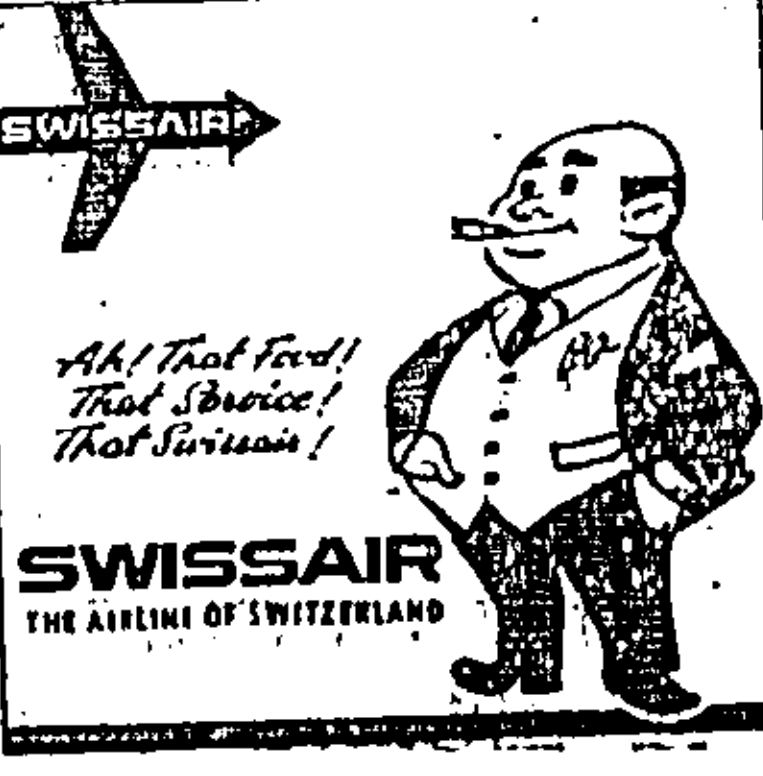


Their best win of the season has been against a men's team of Gainsborough (Lincs) town councillors, whom they trounced 8-4. The girls, all from Gainsborough, are (left to right):—

Doris Sharpe, 17; Gloria Lobley, 16; Pat Halloran, 16; Jean Slack, 18; Ann Boswell, 18; Jean Jarvill, 15; Georgina Sewell, 17; Pat Beardsall, 17; Maureen Doran, 16; Marion Jackson, 17; and Pauline Sandby, 16.

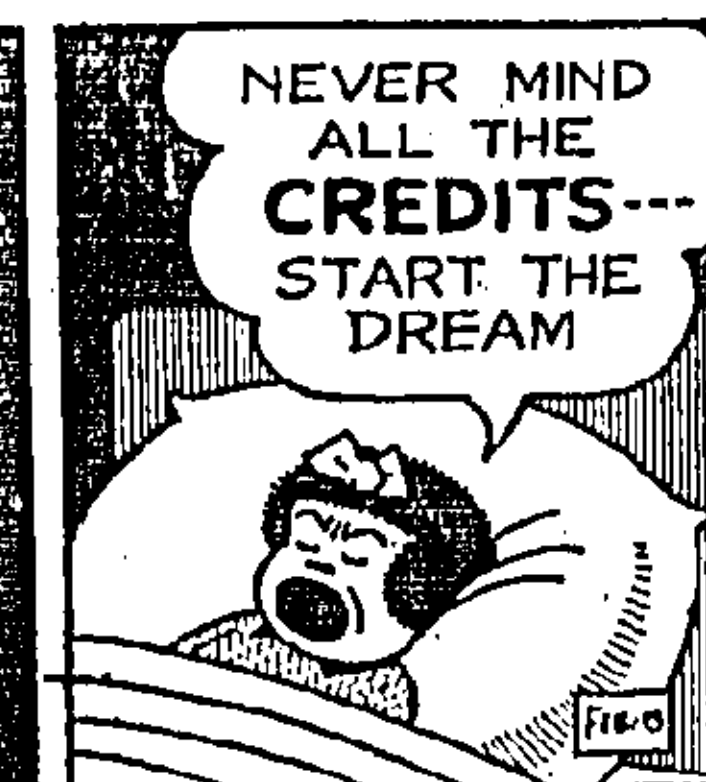
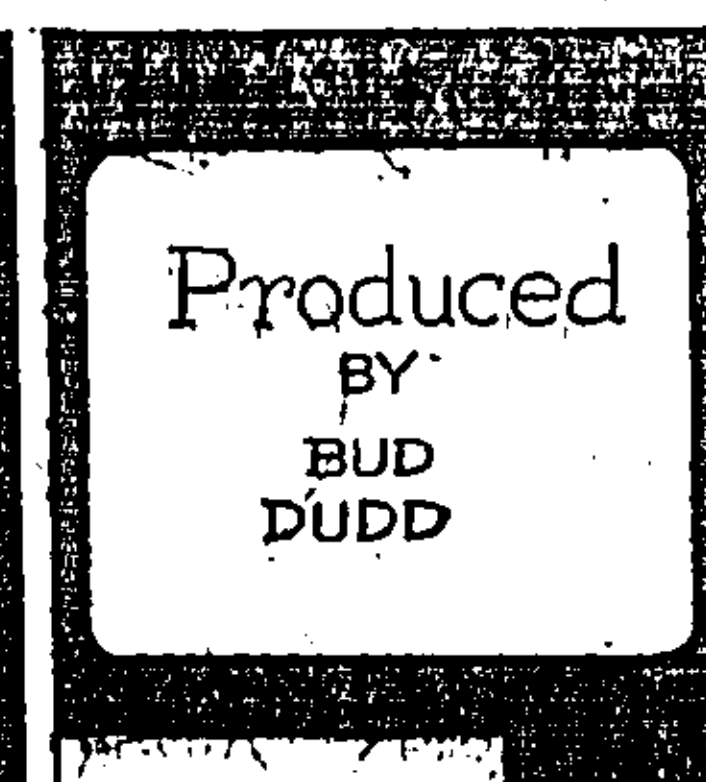
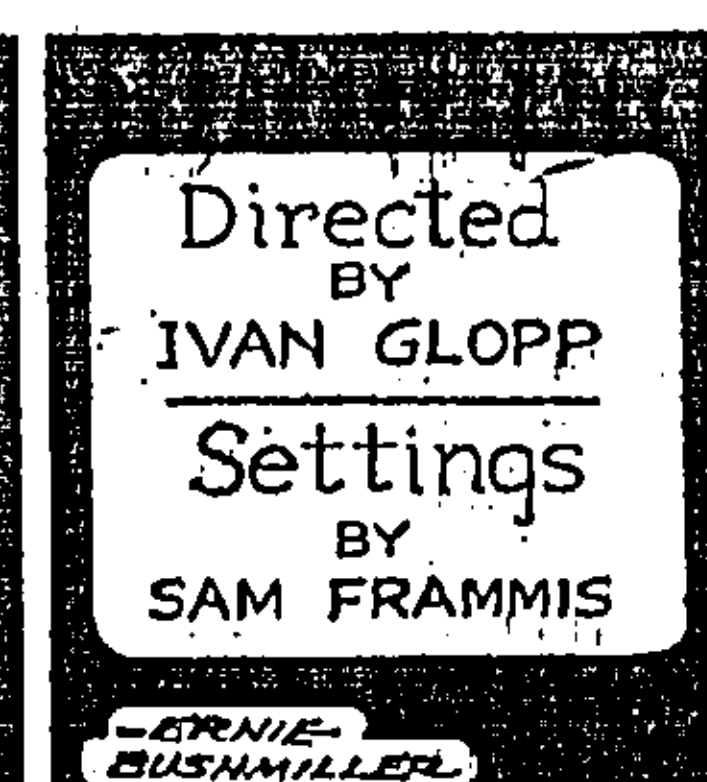
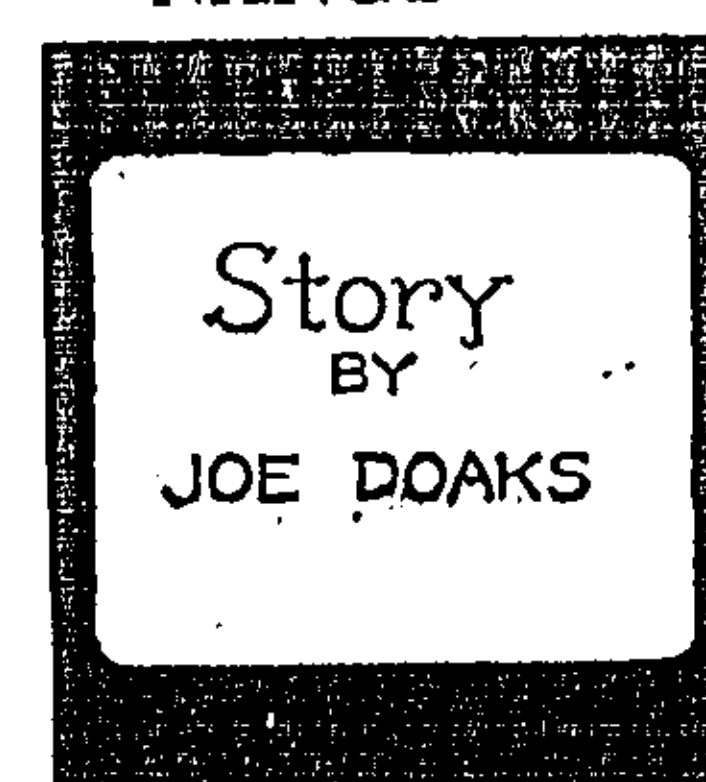
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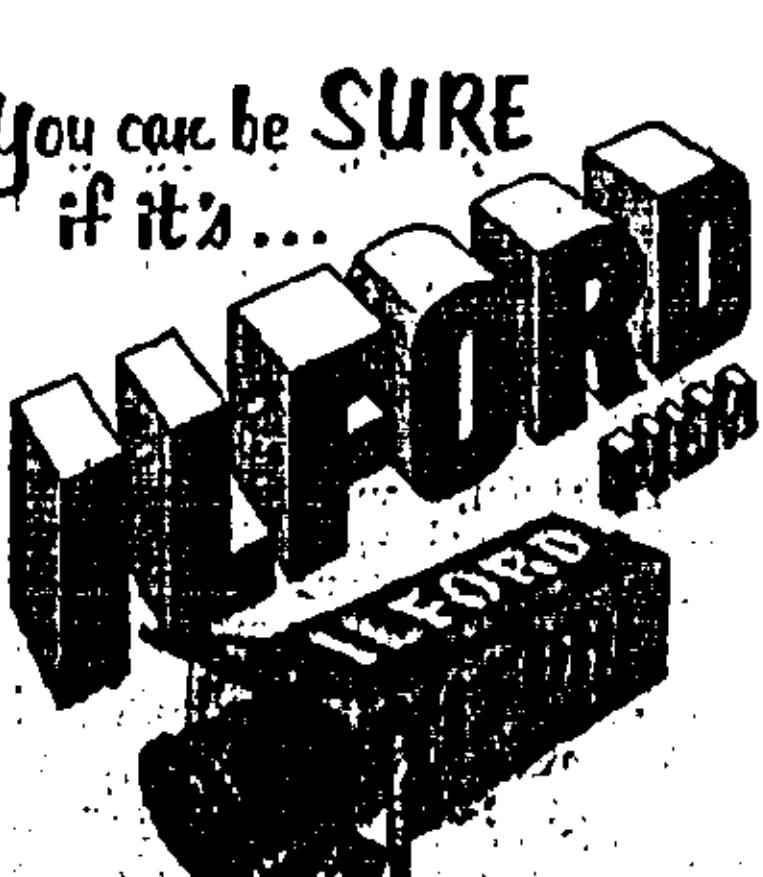
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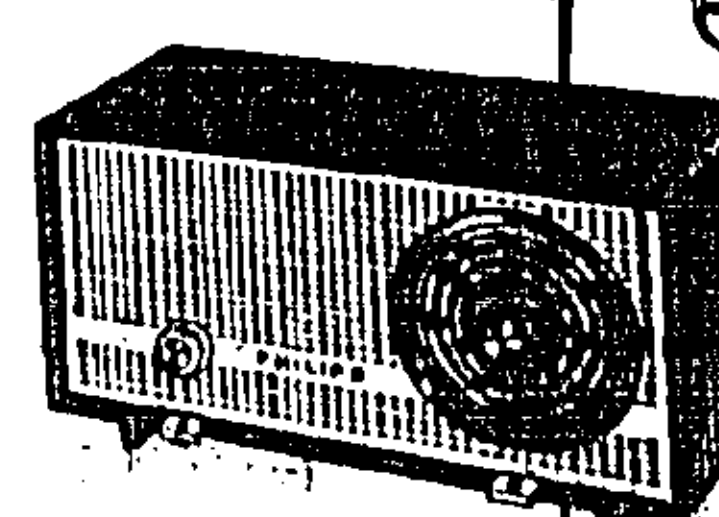
BRICK BRADFORD

By Paul Norris



The Colony's top woman athlete Ng Shuei-kwan making her record-breaking leap in the long jump event of the HKAA Annual Championships at the Hongkong Stadium last Saturday. Ng set her new record of 17 ft 6 in for this event and in addition also won the 100 metres and 200 metres sprints during the meeting.—China Mail photo.

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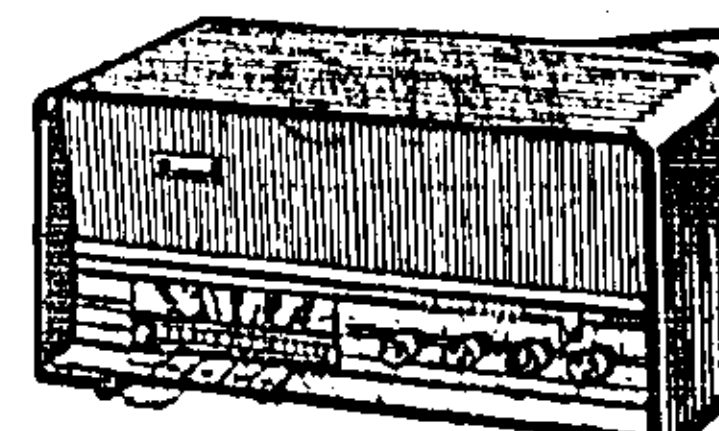
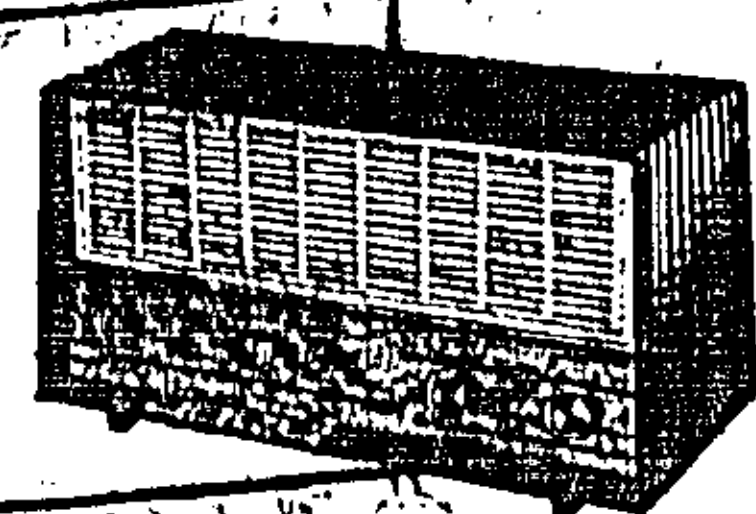


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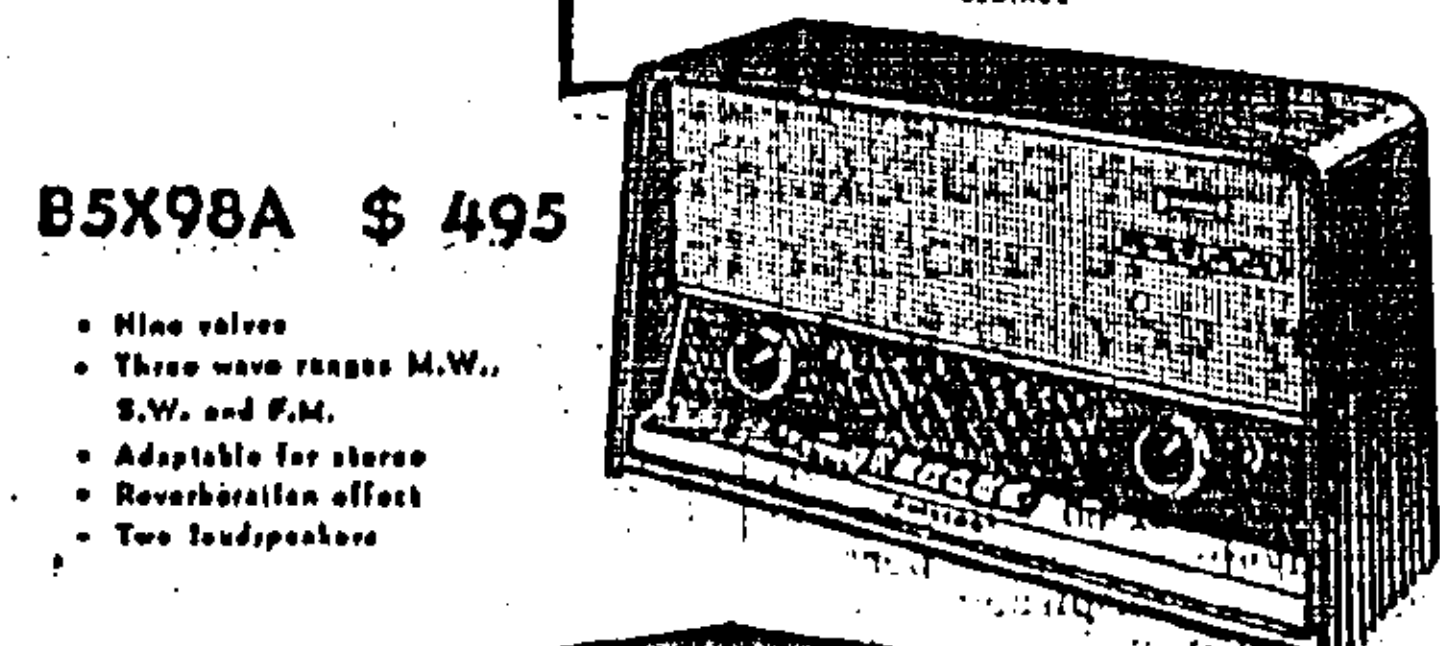
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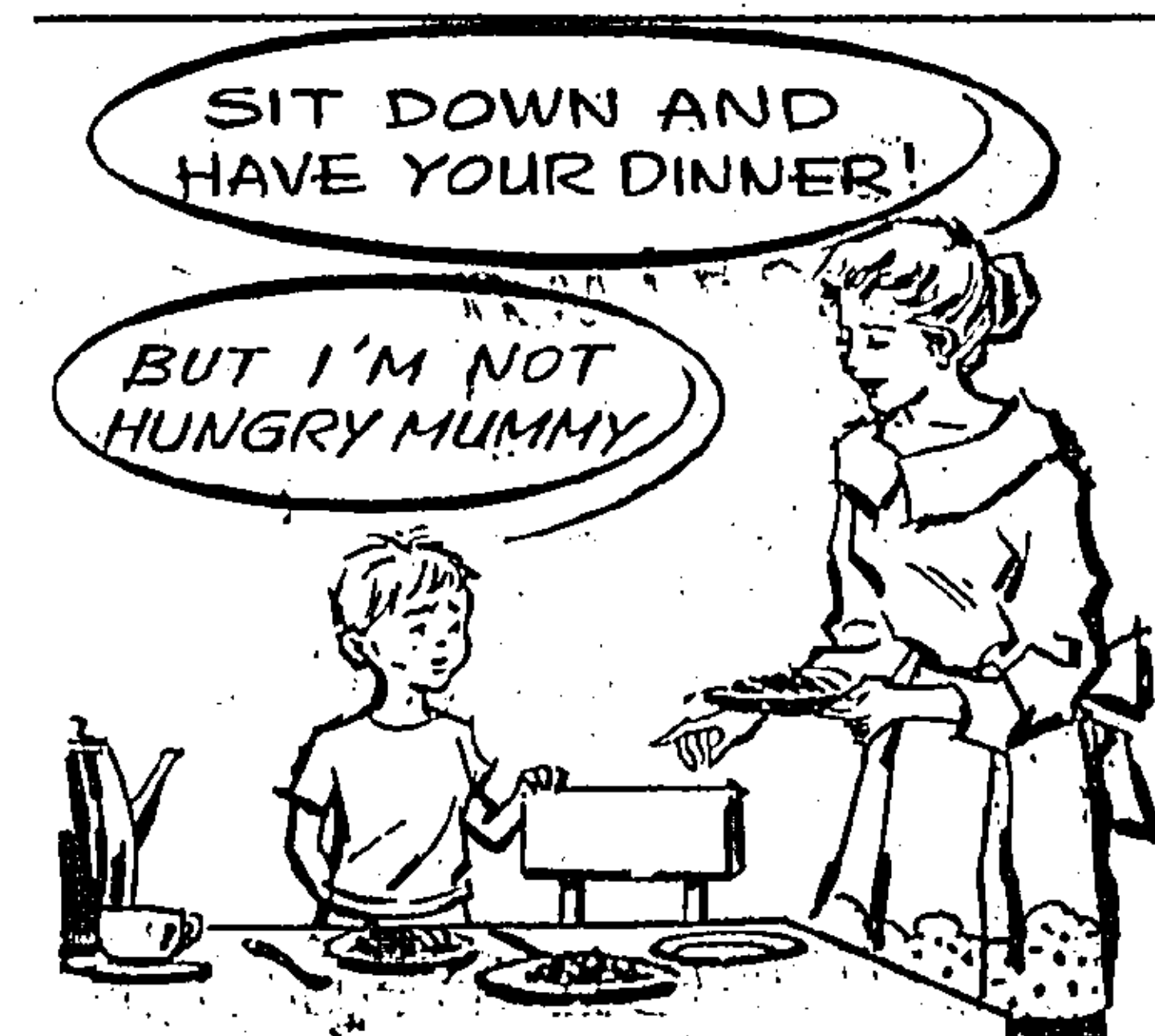
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Continued hearing in conspiracy case MAN TELLS OF 'FIXING' TEST

Payment of \$170 the night before

A man told Judge B. J. Jennings in Victoria District Court this morning that he paid \$170 to another man "so he could fix my driving test for me."

The man, Fung Tak-him, of 33 Yuen Chau Street, second floor, is the seven. If 60 witnesses to testify against four persons charged with conspiracy in connection with written driving tests.

Accused are police inspectors Chan Kwok-sun and Tse Hei, driving instructor Lung Chung-wing and a woman, Yuen Pui-hang, alias Lung Po.

Fung Tak-him told Crown Counsel, Mr W. H. F. Hobson, he handed over the money the night before he was to take his test to one, Yeung Man-so.

Letter

He said the next morning, August 31, 1960, he went for the exam and handed the inspector in charge a letter.

Mr Hobson: Would you recognize the inspector if you saw him?—No.

Did he do anything when you gave him the letter?—He gave me an exam paper.

Fung Tak-him said the inspector distributed the papers from a pile he held but when he reached him he took one from the middle of the pile.

Mr Hobson: Before you saw the paper were you familiar with the questions in it?—Yes, I knew them because Yeung Man-so had told them to me.

Hostile

During earlier evidence, Mr Hobson asked Judge Jennings to consider another witness, Chan Mui-fan, as hostile. He claimed she was not answering his questions frankly.

Chan Mui-fan then admitted that during her evidence yesterday, she had omitted certain things.

Yesterday she said she could not remember whether Yeung Man-so had shown her anything when she paid him \$200 to pass her test.

She now remembered she had seen a piece of paper which looked like an exam paper and contained several answers.

Judge Jennings adjourned the case until this afternoon so that he and the court could visit the hall in Kowloon where driving tests are held.

Travelling gambler caught with drugs

A "professional gambler" and regular traveller between Hongkong and Macao was jailed for two years by Mr Derek Cons at Court this morning for possession and importing one ounce of morphine hydrochloride without a permit.

According to the prosecution, the 53-year-old man, Tam Yau, of 94 Hak Po Street first floor, said he was paid \$30 to carry the dangerous drugs from Macao. He added that he had no money because he lost it all gambling.

In pyjamas

Revenue Inspector C. G. Kerswill told the court Hak was searched by Revenue officers on arrival of the ss Tak Shing at the Hongkong and Macao Wharf shortly before 7 am yesterday. Hak had already gone through the customs and nothing was found in his luggage.

A Revenue Officer, however, stopped Hak again and, upon searching, found two packets of morphine attached to his pyjama trousers which were concealed inside the socks.

Hak's previous record revealed that he was a member of a triad society.

THREE YEARS FOR MAN 'LEFT HOLDING THE HEROIN'

A 40-year-old unemployed Chinese broker arrested in Queen's-road West with almost \$4,000 worth of heroin in his possession was sent to prison for three years by Judge W. F. Pickering at Victoria District Court today.

Ng On-king, of 370 Des Voeux-road West, third floor, had pleaded not guilty to possessing 6 3/4 ozs of dangerous drugs.

Ng told the Judge he had been given the parcel to hold by a woman friend while she went to a lavatory. He did not know what was inside the parcel.

He walked slowly up the street while waiting for her to catch him up and was arrested.

TEA MONEY

The Judge said he was satisfied Ng had offered "tea money" to the constable who arrested him and that he knew what the contents of the parcel were.

Chief Inspector W. Apps, prosecuting, said Ng had a previous conviction for smoking opium.

Judge Pickering, sentencing Ng, told him "six and a quarter ounces is a lot of heroin."

'CO-OP' FLAG FLIES

A multi-coloured flag is now flying alongside the Union Jack outside the offices of the Co-operative Development and Fisheries Department at 11 Po Chun Chambers in Des Voeux-road Central.

The flag is the internationally recognised co-operative flag and its multi-coloured horizontal stripes embrace the colours of the flags of all nations.

"It is the emblem of the Co-operative Movement and represents its spirit of international fellowship," the Commissioner for Co-operative Development and Fisheries, Mr J. Cater, explained this morning.

13-year-old girl deceived lover

A 29-year-old unemployed man who admitted having carnal knowledge of a 13-year-old girl was jailed for one month by Mr Derek Cons at Central Court this morning.

The man, Ng Kam-shui, was remanded by Mr Cons a week ago pending a probation officer's report.

At the last hearing, Ng had begged the magistrate to allow him to marry the girl.

Before sentence was passed on him this morning, Ng told the court as far as he knew, the girl was 18 years old, according to her identity card which the girl had once shown to him.

Mr Cons told Ng that the girl had not only deceived him but also the Registration of Persons Office.

The Prosecution's case was that Ng and the girl were fellow workers in a Hungnam factory. They had had relations with each other on many occasions.

The offences came to light when the girl's parents reported to the police on February 23 that their daughter was missing from home.

It was later found out that the girl went to join Ng in Ping Chau Island.

A 40-year-old man was injured when the van in which he was travelling was involved in a collision with an ambulance in Castle Peak-road, near Tai Lam Chung, at about 2.30 pm yesterday. The injured man, Chung Tai, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

Forged U.S. notes in transit through Hongkong?

The Commercial Crime section of the Hongkong police is said to be investigating reports that batches of forged U.S. notes have left Hongkong for distribution in Southeast Asian countries.

Thailand, Vietnam, Burma, Laos and Malaya, where well-printed false American notes were discovered, suspected that they originated from Hongkong, a report in a leading Chinese newspaper went on.

A number of forged US\$20 notes was found in Hongkong several months ago.

In sequence

Recently similar notes appeared in Australia. They were also of US\$20 denomination and bore numbers in continuity with those found in Hongkong.

"Experts thought that the false U.S. notes finding their way into Hongkong were not the work of small-time operators," the report claimed, "because the notes were so well printed."

It was believed that the notes came in from abroad through a firm in Macao.

It was also believed that they were not printed either in Hongkong or Macao.

Investigations revealed that the notes were smuggled out of Hongkong by air and by sea to various destinations in backward areas of Southeast Asia with special agents to handle them, the report added.

Scissor attack

A Chinese was attacked and wounded by another man armed with a pair of scissors outside No. 88 Junction-road, Kowloon, shortly after 6 pm yesterday.

The injured man was admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

A man has been detained by the police for questioning.

MGM to hold conference in the Colony

Morton A. Spring, President of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film productions, has selected Hongkong as the centre for the MGM Asia-Pacific conference, to be held from May 19-23 this year.

This is the first time in movie history that Hongkong has been chosen as the site for a film conference by a leading foreign film company of international repute.

Mr Spring will lead the delegation in person, and the meetings will take place at the Peninsula Hotel. Twenty-eight delegates will attend from all over Asia and Australia.

All Chopin concert a great success

By D. E. GRAY

SOME may have doubted the wisdom of presenting an all-Chopin programme in Hongkong—but from the reaction of the audience at last night's recital by Maluczynski, it was a pronounced success.

The programme opened with the C Sharp Minor Nocturne, which is a fine example of this form and embodies a great variety of emotion.

Then came the main work of the first half—the B flat Minor (Funeral March) Sonata. Quite a number of distinguished pianists have played this in Hongkong in recent years, but I am sure none gave a finer interpretation of it than Maluczynski.

About me, I could hear sotto voce comparisons with other interpretations such as Alfred Cortot's, for example. In the final analysis, for highly emotional music of this sort, one conjures up one's own individual programme. For my own taste, I have never heard that that controversial Finale (Presto) played so convincingly.

However, my favourite number on the first half of the programme was the Scherzo No. 2 in B flat Minor. This was played exquisitely—I will never forget that Presto Sotto Voce opening phrase (so reminiscent of a similar phrase in Verdi's "Forza" overture) as if a question were being framed, and the bold answer which it receives in the second phrase; or the superb strength and energy of the coda when the questioning phrase is again answered by the composer but this time convincingly thereby bringing one of the most brilliant of Chopin's works to a satisfying end.

In the second half of the programme Maluczynski was joined by the Hongkong Philharmonic Orchestra in a performance of the F Minor Piano Concerto.

Chopin, of course, was at his weakest in orchestration. How such a master of the piano could have penned such pathetic attempts at orchestration is a puzzle. He seemed to want to get in all the colour in the piano.

There is no real "colour" here. The piano is master of the situation from beginning to end, and the artist's performance was brilliant throughout.

I must congratulate the Hongkong Philharmonic and their conductor Arrigo Foa, for giving the pianist as much tonal support as Chopin appears to have intended in this work. The first violin section was very reliable indeed, and the opening Tutti was bold and convincing.

The first bassoonist (Fung Hing) in his little conversation with the piano in the 1st and 2nd movements was a joy to listen to.

The piano itself did not come up to expectations. It had a fair amount of depth in the bass register, but its capacity in the upper register seemed to be very limited and thin.

Time and again one was conscious of the pianist's having inadequate resources at his disposal.

However, I am told the instrument is a new one perhaps after it is worked sufficiently it will improve.

This was a fine evening's music, and Mr Bernard Ho is due the thanks of all music lovers for his excellent presentation.

From the Files

25 years AGO

March 1936

It was officially announced yesterday afternoon that His Excellency the Governor has received a telegram from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, announcing that His Most Gracious Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of Sir Thomas Southern, Colonial Secretary, Hongkong, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of The Gambia.

The many friends among all communities of Sir Thomas and Lady Southern will offer congratulations on this promotion and wish them the best of health and happiness in the new post.

Appointed Colonial Secretary, Hongkong from Ceylon, he arrived here in 1926 and they rapidly made friends in all communities.

The Gambia, the British Colony in West Africa, consists of islands at the mouth of the great Gambia River, with a total area of 69 square miles, but the administration includes a Protectorate adjoining with an area of just over 4,000 sq. miles.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, said yesterday that it was a terrible mistake for Volunteers to serve the mere entertainment period and then reign. They should continue to give their services to the Colony in this valuable capacity. The Governor was speaking to the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps of which he is Hon. Colonel, at a presentation of Efficiency Medals at Headquarters yesterday evening.

His Majesty the King has approved the appointment of the Hon Mr Chau Tsun-nin to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council for a further period of four years.

His Excellency the Governor has authorised the awards of Defence Force Corps efficiency medals to Corporal James Joseph King, Private Edward Docherty and Drummer William Renie Forsyth.

Mr A. G. W. Tickle has been appointed acting Director of Public Works. Mr M. J. Abbott has been appointed a junior legal officer.

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GOVERNOR VISITS NT PRISONS

The Governor, Sir Robert Black, watched prisoners at work in the open air this morning when he visited the "open" prison at Chimawan, on Lantau island, and also the special institution for the reception and treatment of convicted drug addicts at Tai Lam, in the New Territories.

The Governor, who was accompanied on his inspection tour by the Commissioner of Prisons, Mr C. J. Norman, flew from the Government stadium to Lantau island in a helicopter of the Hongkong Auxiliary Air Force.

On arrival at Chimawan, Sir Robert was met by the Superintendent, Mr C. T. F. McDonald and the Chief Officer, Mr D. Hampton, and was taken to the site which has been prepared for new buildings which will accommodate warders and some of their families.

Sir Robert then inspected the kitchen, the dining room and dormitories before proceeding by Landrover, through the forestry reserve, and the Shap Long valley, to the small hamlet of Ham Tin, where prisoners have just completed a new bridge to enable small vehicles to travel between Chimawan prison and a point on the south Lantau-road near Pui O.

En route, Sir Robert saw the extensive reforestation work

already carried out by prison labour on the Tai Long peninsula. In the far distance, he could see the Shek Pik area, where prisoners have started work on the afforestation of the slopes of Sunset Peak.

From Chimawan, the helicopter flew to Tai Lam prison, situated in a steep-sided valley below the giant Tai Lam Chung dam just off the Castle Peak-road about 15 miles from Kowloon. The Governor was met on arrival by the Superintendent of Tai Lam prison, Mr H. R. Tappenden, and the chief officer, Mr R. L. Zajac.

Swimming pool

At Tai Lam, which accommodates 800 prisoners and is always full, prisoners who are fit for work are employed, stripped to the waist, on grounds and gardens, which give the residential section of Tai Lam a park-like appearance.

Sir Robert first visited the garden and nursery area, where a terrazzo swimming pool, 60 feet long by 30 feet wide, has been built by the prisoners for their own enjoyment.

The Governor next inspected the kitchen, the dining hall, the reception office, the after-care section and the workshops, where prisoners are employed on tailoring jobs.

At the end of his visit, Sir Robert again boarded the helicopter, which flew over the Siu Lam valley to give the Governor an aerial view of the rehabilitation project sponsored by the British Council of Churches through the Hongkong Christian Welfare and Relief Council.

In the secluded valley, four cottages have been built by Tai Lam prisoners. These cottages will eventually house former drug addicts in an effort to rehabilitate them in new surroundings and to a new vocation. From Siu Lam valley, the helicopter returned to the Government Stadium at Soekunpo.

